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OF SEVERAL

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE HONOURABLE

House of Commons,

IN THE

Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh SESSIONS

OF THE

EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

OF

GREAT BRITAIN:

Being a Summary View of the most Remarkable Transactions of that AUGUST ASSEMBLY in the last Three Years.

Illustrated with EXPLANATORY NOTES on the same.

To which is annexed,

An ABSTRACT of the State of the NATIONAL DEBT, as it stood in the Years 1738, 1739, 1740.

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February 1. 1738.

HIS MAJESTY came to the House of Peers, and opened the Session with a most gracious Speech from the Throne, signifying that He had obtained Satisfaction for his injured Merchants trading to *America*, by a Convention concluded, and ratify'd between the King of *Spain* and himself; wherein his *Catholick* Majesty had obliged himself to make Reparation to His Majesty's Subjects for their Losses, by a certain stipulated Payment; and that Plenipotentiaries are therein named, for regulating within a Limited Time, all those Grievances and Abuses, which have hitherto interrupted our Commerce and Navigation in the *American* Seas, and for settling all Matters in Dispute, so as to prevent all Causes of Complaint for the future. And that His Majesty would order the Convention, and the separate Articles to be laid before them. Whereupon the Commons resolved to Address His MAJESTY with Thanks for his most gracious Speech from the Throne, and to congratulate His MAJESTY upon the Success of his Royal Endeavours in concluding a Convention with the King of *Spain*, whereby Reparation is stipulated to be made and paid to His Majesty's injured Subjects, &c. Upon a Division, Ayes 230, Noes 141*. And a Committee was appointed to draw up an Address upon the said Resolution.

February 2.

Resolved, That this House will receive no Petitions for private Bills after the first of *March* next.

Ordered, That this House be called over upon the 20th Instant.

Agreed to the Report of their Address to be presented to His Majesty.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented by the whole House.

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty to congratulate Him on the In-

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* The Minority was for postponing that part of the Address, which related to the Convention, till the House had received it.

creaſe of the Royal Family, by the Princeſs of *Wales* being happily delivered of a Prince, &c.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That a Congratulatory Meſſage be ſent to the Prince and Princeſs of *Wales* on this happy Occaſion.

February 3.

The Houſe went with their Addreſs to his Majeſty, with Thanks for his moſt gracious Speech, &c.

February 5.

Mr. *Speaker* reported His Majeſty's Anſwer to their Addreſs.

The Houſe reſolved that a Supply be granted to His Majeſty, *Nemine Contradicente*.

February 6.

Ordered divers Eſtimates of Accounts to be laid before them.

Reſolved, That His MAJESTY be addreſſed for ſeveral Memorials, Petitions, &c. ſince the Treaty of *Seville*, relating to any Loſſes ſuſtained by His MAJESTY's Subjects by Depredations committed by the *Spaniards*, &c. to be laid before them, which have not already been laid before this Houſe.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, that His MAJESTY be addreſſed to lay Admiral *Haddock*'s Inſtructions before them, it paſſed in the *Negative*, on a Diviſion, Ayes 113, Noes 183. After which it was moved that ſeveral Papers relating to the *Spaniſh* Captures be laid before them, which paſſed in the *Negative*: Ayes 120, Noes 200.

February 7.

Received ſeveral Eſtimates of Accounts from the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, relating to prohibited *Eaſt-India* Goods remaining in their Warehouſes from *Michaelmas* 1737, to *Michaelmas* 1738.

February 8.

The Houſe received the Convention, with the ſeveral Ratifications thereof.

February 9.

Received a Petition of the Curriers relating to Tanned Leather.

Ordered in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Received ſeveral Eſtimates of Accounts.

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February 10.

The Houſe agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolution on the Supply, *viz.* Reſolved, that *Twelve Thouſand* Seamen be employed for the Service of the Year 1739

Reſolved, That a Sum not exceeding four Pounds *per* Man *per* Month be allowed for defraying the Expences of the ſame.

February 12.

In a Committee of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to His *Majeſty*, reſolved that the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, be continued for one Year.

Ordered in a Bill accordingly.

February 13.

Ordered in a Bill for ſuppreſſing Rogues, Vagabonds, &c. and for the better Relief of Lunaticks, and Foundling Children.

Ordered an Addreſs to His *Majeſty*, to lay before them, Copies of ſeveral Memorials, &c. ſince the Treaty of *Seville*, touching the Rights of *Great Britain*, or any Infractions of Treaties, which have not been laid before them.

February 14.

Read a firſt time the Malt-Bill.

In a Committee on the Supply came to the following Reſolutions.

Reſolved, That 17704 Men be granted for Land-Forces for the Service of the Year 1739. On a Diviſion: Ayes 253, Noes 183*.

That 647,549*l.* 11*s.* 3*d* $\frac{1}{2}$, be granted for maintaining them.

That 228,062*l.* be granted for the Garriſons of *Minorca*, *Gibraltar*, *Georgia*, &c.

That 27,172*l.* be granted for Out-Penſioners of *Chelſea*-Hoſpital.

That 5041*l.* be granted, for defraying ſeveral extraordinary Expences incurred in 1738, and not provided for by Parliament.

February 15.

Read a ſecond time the Malt-Bill.

Received the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolutions, and agreed to them, on a Diviſion: Ayes 129, Noes 73.

February 16.

Read a firſt time, a Bill for puniſhing Rogues, Vagabonds, &c. and for the Relief of Lunaticks and Foundling Children.

* The Minority propoſed 12000 Men only.

Went thro' in a Committee the Malt-Bill, with ſeveral Amendments.

February 19.

Reported the Malt-Bill, and ordered it to be Engroſſed.

Received divers Letters, concerning the *Spaniſh* Depredations.

February 20.

Read a third time, and paſſed the Malt-Bill.

Received the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolution, in a Committe of Ways and Means, and agreed to it, *viz.*

Reſolved, That 119,451 *l.* 17 *s.* 9 *d.* now remaining in the Exchequer, being the overplus of the Grant for 1738, be applied towards making good the Supplies granted in this Seſſion of Parliament.

The Houſe, according to Order was called over.

February 21.

Read a firſt time the *Mutiny*-Bill.

Received Copies of ſeveral Memorials, Letters, &c. relating to the Affairs of *Spain*.

February 22.

Received the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolutions, in a Committee on the Supply, and agreed to them, *viz.*

Reſolved, That 222,689 *l.* 2 *s.* 6 *d.* be granted for the Ordinary of the *Navy*, including Half-pay to *Sea* Officers for 1739.

That 80,088 *l.* 6 *s.* 3 *d.* be granted for the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for Land-Service, for 1739.

That 30,503 *l.* 11 *s.* 6 *d.* be granted for defraying the Extraordinary Expences of the Office of Ordnance for Land-Service, not provided for by Parliament.

February 23.

Read a ſecond time, the Bill for puniſhing Rogues, Vagabonds, &c. and for the Relief of Lunaticks, and Foundling Children.

Received a Petition from the *Weſt-India* Merchants, trading to *America*, and another Petition from the Merchants of *Briſtol*; ſetting forth that by this Convention, the *Spaniards* are ſo far from giving up their unjuſtifiable Practice of viſiting and ſearching *Britiſh* Ships ſailing to, and from, the *Britiſh* Plantations, that they appear to have claimed the Power of doing it as a Right, by having inſiſted, that the Differences which have ariſen concerning it, ſhould be diſcuſſed by Plenipotentiaries, without agreeing to abſtain from ſuch Viſitation and Search, during the time that

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the Diſcuſſion of this Affair may laſt. That the Petitioners are greatly apprehenſive, by this manner of Proceeding, that the *Spaniſh* Plenipotentiaries will be inſtructed not to give it up. And if the Freedom of our Navigation and Commerce, to and from our own Colonies, ſhould be left in Suſpenſe, and precarious, it muſt be attended with the moſt fatal and pernicious Conſequences, and therefore praying for an Opportunity to be heard, &c. &c.

After Debate, Ordered that the Petitioners be heard by themſelves, (not by Counſel) on two Diviſions: Ayes 237, 242, Noes 208, 207.

Received a Petition from the Lord-Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of *London*, ſetting forth, That the Citizens of *London* are too deeply intereſted in whatever affects the Trade of this Nation, not to expreſs the utmoſt Anxiety for the Welfare of that only Source of our Riches. And that it is with the utmoſt Concern the Petitioners are able to expreſs, that they perceive the Trade to his Majeſty's *American* Colonies ſtill continues expoſed to the Inſults of the *Spaniards*, who ſtop, ſearch, and make Prizes of *Britiſh* Veſſels navigating the *American* Seas, upon Pretences altogether groundleſs and unwarrantable, and in manifeſt Violation of the Treaties ſubſiſting between the two Crowns: and expreſſing their great Concern and ſurprize, to find by the Convention lately concluded between His Majeſty, and the King of *Spain*, that the *Spaniards* are ſo far from giving up their unjuſt Pretenſions of a Right to viſit and ſearch our Ships in the *American* Seas, that this their Pretenſion, amongſt others, is referr'd to the future Deciſion of the Plenipotentiaries, whereby the Petitioners apprehend it is in ſome Degree admitted. That to theſe Cauſes, the preſent low State of the *Britiſh* Colonies in *America* may be greatly attributed. And if the cruel Treatment of the *Engliſh* Sailors, whoſe hard Fate has thrown them into the Hands of the *Spaniards*, ſhould be put up without any Reparation, they apprehend, it may be a means of deterring Seamen from undertaking Voyages to the Seas of *America*, without an Advance of Wages, which that Trade will not be able to ſupport. And thereupon the Petitioners thought it their indiſpenſable Duty, to repreſent to this Houſe, the fatal Conſequences of leaving the Freedom of Navigation any longer in Suſpenſe and Uncertainty, and therefore expreſſing their Hope, &c. &c.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referr'd to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider of the Convention, &c.

Received a Petition from Captain *Richard Copithorne*, who commanded the *Betty* Galley, and the Owners thereof; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Ship was taken on the 29th of *June*, 1727, N. S. in the *Mediterranean* Sea, on her Voyage from *Meſſina*, by a *Spaniſh* Privateer, under *Turkiſh* Colours, after five Hours Engagement, wherein three of his Men were killed, the Petitioner *Richard Copithorne*, and three more wounded, and for nine days kept naked; and after other inhuman Uſage, the ſaid Ship was carried into *Malaga*, and condemned: as was alſo another Ship, called the *Loyal-Galley*, commanded by *William Pugſley*. And that frequent Applications have been made in the moſt reſpectful Manner by the Petitioners, who have hitherto received no Satisfaction, &c. and therefore praying, &c.

Referr'd the ſaid Petition to the Conſideration of the Committee, &c.

February 26.

Received a Petition from the Merchants of *Liverpool*, praying to be heard by Counſel againſt the Convention.

Ordered to be heard by themſelves, (not by Counſel) on a Diviſion: Ayes 175, Noes 162.

Received a Petition of *George Packer*, &c. Owners of the Ship *Sarah*, Captain *Jaſon Vaughan* Maſter; ſetting forth, that the ſaid Ship was taken, ſailing fully laden from *Jamaica*, directly for the Port of *Briſtol*, but after attempting the Windward Paſſage for about ſeventeen Days without Succeſs, was obliged to return and make her Voyage through the Gulph of *Florida*; and on the 29th Day of *June*, being in the Latiude of 24 Degrees, and 28 Minutes, as the ſaid Ship was proceeding on her Voyage, and being then about 55 Leagues diſtant from the Iſle of *Cuba*, ſhe was with her whole Cargo ſeized by a *Spaniſh* Man of War, and carried into the *Havannah*, there condemned as a Prize, contrary to the Law of Nations, and the ſubſiſting Treaties. The Value of ſuch Ship and Cargo, at the Time of ſuch Seizure, was upwards of 9000*l.* Sterling. And that the Maſter and Mariners were taken Priſoners, and inhumanly treated by the Captors, &c. and therefore praying, &c.

Referr'd

Referr'd to the Consideration of the Committee on the Convention, &c.

Received Petitions, relating to *Westminster*-Abbey, St. *Margaret's*-Church, the *African* Company, and the Colony of *Georgia*.

Mr. *Speaker* Reported, that His MAJESTY had been attended in the House of *Peers*, and he gave the Royal Assent to the *Malt*-Bill.

February 27.

Received divers Petitions from *Shoemakers*, *Sadlers*, &c. &c.

Read a first time a Bill to explain a late Act for Relief of insolvent Debtors.

Read a second time, a Bill for punishing *Mutiny*, and *Desertion*.

February 28.

Received a Petition from several *Glasmakers*, *Brewers*, *Sugarboilers*, *Smiths*, *Dyers*, &c. Consumers of Coals, complaining of the Abuses and Frauds in enhancing the Price, and praying Relief.

Referr'd to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

March 1.

Went thro' in a Committee the *Mutiny*-Bill, with several Amendments.

March 2.

Received the Report of the *Mutiny*-Bill, and ordered it to be Engross'd.

Read a second time a Bill to prevent Frauds and Abuses in Gold and Silver Wares.

March 5.

Received a Petition from the Merchants of *Edinburgh*, expressing their Dissatisfaction to the Convention.

Referr'd to the Committee on the Convention.

Read a third time, and passed the *Mutiny*-Bill.

The whole House was called over, according to Order.

March 6.

In a grand Committee, took the Convention into Consideration, and several Merchants were called in, and examined, relating to their Losses sustained by the *Spaniards*; Captain *Vaughan*, and Captain *Copithorne* were also examined relating to their Losses and cruel Usage.

March 7.

Received two Petitions from the Merchants of *Scotland*, against the Convention.

Referr'd

Referr'd to the Conſideration of the Committee, &c.

Ordered an Addreſs to His MAJESTY to give Orders for erecting a more ſpacious Edifice, for the better Reception of Parliament.

Took the Convention into further Conſideration, and examined Mr. *Stert* one of the Commiſſioners, relating to the Merchants Accounts, and the Demands of the King of *Spain*, and other Witneſſes were examined, as to the Limits of *Carolina*, &c.

March 8.

In a grand Committee took the Convention into further Conſideration, when it was moved, that an Addreſs of Thanks be preſented to His MAJESTY, for obtaining the Convention; and great Debates aroſe thereupon, which laſted till paſt Twelve o'clock at Night, when it was then carried in the Affirmative, on a Diviſion: Ayes 260, Noes 232.

March 9.

Received the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolution, and agreed to it, on a Diviſion: Ayes 244, Noes 214.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His MAJESTY to return the Thanks of this Houſe, for having the Convention communicated to them; and to expreſs the juſt Senſe of his Royal Care for the true Intereſt of his People, in bringing the Demands of his Subjects to a final Determination, and for procuring a ſpeedy Payment for the Loſſes the Merchants ſuſtained by the *Spaniards*, by a certain ſtipulated Sum. And to declare our Satisfaction in the Foundation His MAJESTY has laid for preventing, and removing, the like Grievances and Cauſes of Complaint for the future, and for preſerving the Peace between the two Nations, &c. And to aſſure His MAJESTY, that in caſe His Majeſty's juſt Expectations ſhall not be anſwered, this Houſe will ſupport His MAJESTY in taking ſuch Meaſures, as may be moſt conducive to vindicate the Honour and Dignity of His MAJESTY's Crown, and the Rights of his People.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to His MAJESTY by the whole Houſe.

March 12.

The Houſe went with their Addreſs to His MAJESTY.*

March 13.

Received a Petition of the Merchants, Clothiers, and Dealers

* This Addreſs was not printed in the Votes as uſual.

Dealers in *Wool*, complaining of the Decay of the *Woollen* Manufactory, and praying Relief, &c.

Referr'd to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

March 14.

Received a Petition of the Merchants and others trading to the *Britiſh* Sugar Colonies in *America*; complaining that by the Heavy Duties now payable therein, they are not able to ſell their Sugars as cheap as their Neighbours; which is a great Detriment to the Petitioners, as well as a Loſs to His MAJESTY's Revenue, and therefore praying Relief, &c. Referr'd to the Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe.

March 15.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolutions on *Ways* and *Means*, viz.

Reſolved, That Two Shillings in the Pound be granted for *Land-Tax* for 1739.

Reſolved, That no Drawbacks ſhall be paid on the Exportation of wrought Plate or Manufactures of *Silver*, that ſhall have been wrought above 10 Years before the Entry of the ſame for Exportation.

Ordered an Addreſs to His MAJESTY, to congratulate Him on the Birth of another *Prince*.

Ordered a congratulatory Meſſage to the *Prince* of *Wales* on the ſame joyful Occaſion.

Mr. *Speaker* reported that the Houſe had attended His MAJESTY in the Houſe of *Peers*, when He gave the Royal Aſſent to the Bill for puniſhing *Mutiny* and *Deſertion*, and to two private Bills.

Heard Council for and againſt the *Curriers* Bill.

March 16.

Read a firſt time the *Land-Tax*-Bill.

Read a ſecond time a Bill to explain the *Inſolvent Debtors* Act.

In a Grand Committee took into Conſideration the ſeveral Petitions, complaining of the Clandeſtine Exportation of *Wool* to foreign Parts, and alſo of the Decay of the *Woollen* Manufacture, and came to ſeveral Reſolutions.

March 20.

Read a firſt time a Bill to indemnify Perſons who have omitted to take the Oaths, and for allowing a further Time for that purpoſe.

Read a firſt time a Bill for the more eaſy aſſeſſing, collecting and levying of *County* Rates.

Received the Report of Friday's Reſolutions on the *Woollen* Manufacture, and agreed to the ſame.

Ordered in a Bill accordingly.

Reſolved, That His MAJESTY be addreſſed, to order an Account of the State and Condition of the *Britiſh* Sugar Colonies, to be laid before this Houſe.

Read the *Land-Tax*-Bill a ſecond time.

Received a Petition of the Merchants trading to *Sicily*, ſetting forth that upon the Defeat of the *Spaniſh* Fleet in 1718, the Merchants reſiding at *Meſſina* were impriſoned, their Ships, Goods and Effects ſeized, confiſcated and ſold, by order of the General of the *Spaniſh* Forces in *Sicily*, whereby the Petitioners ſuffered great Loſſes, which were claimed and proved before a Committee of the whole Houſe in 1728-9. and the Eſtimates of the ſaid Loſſes then delivered in, Duplicates whereof are ready to be produced by the Petitioners, who have had no Reſtitution made them; nor, as they apprehend, did the *Commiſſaries* go through the Diſcuſſion of the Loſſes in *Sicily*, or make any Report of them: and therefore ſubmitting the Caſe of the Petitioners to the Conſideration of the Houſe, and praying ſuch Relief, as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Heard Counſel further on the *Curriers* Bill, and the Counſel for the Petitioners ſummed up their Evidence.

March 21.

Read a ſecond time the Bill to indemnify Perſons who have omitted to take the Oaths, and for allowing a further Time, &c.

In a grand Committee on the *Land-Tax*-Bill went thro' the ſame, with ſeveral Amendments.

March 22.

Received the Report of the *Land-Tax*-Bill, and Ordered it to be engroſſed.

Received ſeveral Accounts from the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, relating to *Sugars*, *Indigo* and *Rice*.

Received a Petition of *James Buchanan*, and others, intereſted in the Ship *Scipio*; ſetting forth, that the ſaid Ship having taken in her Cargo on the Coaſt of *Africa*, conſiſting of *Negroes*, Gold Duſt, and Elephants Teeth, to the Value of upwards of Six thouſand Pounds, and ſailing from thence to *Jamaica*, having touched on the Iſland of *Barbadoes*, was on the 27th of *October* 1736, taken on the High Sea by a *French* Ship or Veſſel, and carried into

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St. Peter's in the Iſland of *Martinique*; that ſoon after a Proſecution was commenced againſt the Captain before the Court of Admiralty there, founded on a Pretence that ſhe was acting in Contravention to a certain Edict for ſettling Limits relating to unlawful Trade; but that upon Trial, the Judges were of opinion, that the Charge was groundleſs: nevertheleſs the Intention of the Edict not having been qualified, the Judges were obliged to declare the ſaid Ship and Cargo duly confiſcated; and that thereupon the Captain appeared to the Supreme Court of *Martinique*, who upon Examination annulled the Judgment given by the Court of Admiralty, and decreed him Coſts, and that he ſhould be again put into Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Ship and Cargo. And that as the ſaid Captain was preparing to take Poſſeſſion of his Ship and Cargo, he received an Ordinance from the Intendant of the Iſland, which impowered the Director of the Cuſtoms to appeal from the Judgment of the Supreme Court, to the *French* King in Council; but nevertheleſs ordered the ſaid Ship and Cargo to be reſtored, on his producing good and ſufficient Security, Inhabitants of the Iſland, for the appraiſed Value of the ſame: and that the ſaid Captain not being able to procure the Security inſiſted on, was obliged to conſent to the Sale of his Ship and Cargo, and to depoſit the Money in the hands of his Securities, till the Affair ſhould be decided by the King and Council of *France*. That the ſaid Captain did ſollicite oftentimes at *Paris*, but to no purpoſe, he being at length told, that this Ship in Conteſt ſhould pay for a *French* Ship, called the *Fleuron*, taken ſome time ago. That upon Petition to His MAJESTY, Application had been made by his Miniſter at *Paris*, but that the ſame had not its deſired Effect, and therefore praying the Houſe to take the Premiſſes into Conſideration, &c.

Referr'd to the Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Went into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Petition of the Merchants trading to the Sugar Colonies in *America*; and came to ſeveral Reſolutions.

March 23.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolutions; *viz.*

Reſolved, That in order to encourage His MAJESTY's Subjects in the *Britiſh* Sugar Colonies in *America*, to improve and extend their Settlements there, it is neceſſary, they ſhould be permitted, for a limited Time, to carry

Sugars of *Britiſh* Growth from the ſaid Colonies directly to foreign Ports under proper Reſtrictions.

That ſome more effectual Proviſion be made, for ſecuring the Duties already laid upon the Importation of Foreign Sugars, Rum and Molaſſes, into *Great Britain*, and His MAJESTY's Plantations in *America*.

Ordered in a Bill accordingly.

Went thro' in a Committee, the Bill to indemnify Perſons who have omitted to take the Oaths.

Went thro', in a Committee, the Bill to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in *Gold* and *Silver* Wares, with ſeveral Amendments.

March 26.

Received a Petition of *Joanna Stephens*; ſetting forth that the Petitioner has for ſome years laſt paſt been poſſeſſed of a Method of preparing Medicines, which are found by Experience to be a ſafe and effectual Cure for the *Stone*, and by which ſhe has her preſent Subſiſtence; that ſeveral Perſons of Diſtinction have endeavoured to raiſe the Sum of *Five Thouſand Pounds* by voluntary Contribution, in order to purchaſe of her the Method of preparing and giving the ſaid Medicines, and have accordingly raiſed the Sum of 1387 *l.* 13 *s.* for that purpoſe, but ſee no Probability of compleating the whole Sum of *Five Thouſand Pounds*; and therefore praying, &c.

Referred to the Committee on the Supply; on a Diviſion, Ayes 106, Noes 65.

Received ſeveral Petitions from *Durham* and *Newcaſtle* upon *Tyne*, praying to he heard by Counſel againſt the Petition of the Conſumers of *Coals*, &c. And the ſame was granted.

Read a ſecond time and committed the Bill for aſſeſſing, collecting, and levying of *County* Rates.

Agreed to the Report of *Friday*'s Reſolutions on the Supply; *viz.*

Reſolved, That for defraying the Charges of His MAJESTY's Mint, and the Coinage of *Gold* and *Silver* Moneys, and thereby to Encourage the bringing in of *Gold* and *Silver* to be Coined, a Revenue of 15000 *l. per Annum* be ſettled and ſecured for *ſeven* Years, from the firſt day of *March* 1738.

That 39,124 *l.* be granted for reduced Officers of His MAJESTY's Land-Forces and Marines, for 1739.

That 3960 *l.* be granted for paying of Penſions to the Widows of reduced Officers for 1739.

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That 20,000 *l.* be granted for the further ſettling and improving the Colony of *Georgia* in *America*.

That 10,000 *l.* be granted for the maintenance of the *Britiſh* Forts and Settlements in *Africa*.

That 10,000 *l.* be granted towards the Support of *Greenwich*-Hoſpital.

That 3552 *l.* be granted to replace to the *Sinking Fund* the like Sum paid out of the ſame to make good the Deficiencies of the Additional Stamp Duties at *Chriſtmas* 1737.

That 20,000 *l.* be granted to replace to the ſaid Fund the like Sum paid out of the ſame to the Governors and Company of the *Bank* of *England* for one Year's Intereſt on 500, 000 *l.* by them lent on the Credit of the *Salt* Duties towards the Supply of the Year 1735.

March 27.

Read a third time and paſſed the *Land-Tax* Bill.

Read a ſecond time a Bill for continuing the Act to regulate the *Price* and *Aſſize* of Bread, and for continuing the Act for the better Regulation of *Attornies* and *Solicitors*.

Received the Report of the Bill for preventing Frauds and Abuſes in *Gold* and *Silver* Wares, and Ordered it to be engroſſed.

March 28.

Ordered in a Bill for Licenſing *Tragedies*, *Comedies*, &c. that are to be acted at *Edinburgh*.

Heard Counſel further on the *Coal* Affair.

March 29.

Paſſed the Bill to indemnify Perſons who have omitted to take the Oaths.

Heard Counſel further on the Bill between the *Curriers* and *Shoemakers*; and *Ordered* that the Bill be Committed; on a Diviſion, Ayes 48, Noes 22.

March 30.

Paſſed the Bill to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in *Gold* and *Silver* Wares.

Received a Petition of the Lord-Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the City of *London*, praying to be heard by Counſel againſt the Bill for improving the Navigation of the River *Lee* in *Hertfordſhire*.

And the ſame was granted.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal ſo much of an Act paſſed in the 25th Year of the Reign of King *Charles* II. intitled, *An Act for preventing Dangers which may happen*

from Popiſh Recuſants, as obligeth all Perſons, who are admitted into any Office, Civil or Military, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's-Supper, within a Time limited by the ſaid Act, and for explaining and amending ſo much of the ſaid Act as relates to the Declaration againſt Tranſubſtantiation.

It paſſed in the Negative; on a Diviſion, Ayes 89, Noes 188.

April 2.

Read a firſt time a Bill for drawing back the Duties payable on *Soap*, *Aſhes*, *Starch*, and *blue Azure* or *Smalts*, which ſhall be uſed and conſumed in the bleaching and whitening of new *Linnen-Cloth*, *Cotton-Cloth*, *Linnen-Yarn*, and *Linnen-Thread* made of *Lint* or *Flax*; and for preventing the Uſe of *Lime*, *Pidgeons Dung* and *Soap-Dregs*, in whitening the ſame, in that part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

Committed the Bill relating to *Rogues*, *Vagabonds*, and four dling Children to a ſelect Committee.

April 3.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolutions on *Ways* and *Means*; *viz.*

Reſolved, That towards raiſing 15000*l.* *per Annum* for defraying the Charge of His MAJESTY's Mints, and the Coinage of *Gold* and *Silver* Monies; the Duties of 10*s.* *per* Ton be laid upon all *Wines*, *Vinegar*, *Cyder* and *Beer*, imported into *Great Britain*, which were continued for ſeven Years, be farther continued for ſeven Years longer, from the firſt Day of *March*, 1738.

That all the Powers, Privileges and Advantages which were granted by an Act 18th K. *Charles* II. for encouraging the Coinage of *Gold* and *Silver*, be further continued for ſeven Years.

Heard Counſel further on the *Coal* Affair.

April 4.

Read a firſt time a Bill to continue the Duties for Encouragement of the Coinage of Money.

Read a firſt time a Bill to Licenſe *Tragedies*, *Comedies*, &c. to be acted at *Edinburgh*.

Read a firſt Time a Bill for granting a Liberty to carry *Sugars* of the Growth, Produce or Manufacture of the *Britiſh* Colonies in *America*, directly to foreign Parts.

April 5.

Read a ſecond time the *Coinage*-Bill.

Received

Received a Petition from the Merchants of *Briſtol*, praying to be heard by Counſel againſt the *Sugar*-Colony-Bill.

Leave given accordingly.

Heard further Evidence on the *Coal* Affair.

April 6.

Received the Report of the Bill to explain an Act for Relief of *Inſolvent Debtors*, and ordered it to be engroſſed.

Read a firſt time a Bill to explain ſo much of an Act 8th of K. *George* I. as relates to the preventing Officers of His MAJESTY's Ships of War, from carrying Goods and Merchandizes on Freights, and Trading therewith.

Read a ſecond time the Bill for drawing back the Duties on *Soap*, *Aſhes*, &c.

Went thro' in a Committee the *Coinage*-Bill.

Heard Counſel further on the *Coal*-Bill, and the Petitioners finiſhed their Evidence, and the Counſel ſummed up the ſame.

April 9.

Received the Report of the *Coinage*-Bill, and ordered it to be engroſſed.

April 10.

Received Petitions from the City, Univerſity and Merchants of *Edinburgh*, ſetting forth that the Trade of that City is not able to maintain a Play-Houſe; that ſuch tends only to the Debauching the Morals of their Youth; that the Parliament has already prohibited under very ſevere Penalties the performing any Play, &c. within five Miles of the City of *Oxford*, and Town of *Cambridge*, and that *Edinburgh* as a Univerſity, ſhould be indulged in like manner, &c. Therefore praying that the ſaid Bill may not paſs into a Law.

Ordered to lie on the Table till the Bill be read a ſecond time.

Read a firſt time a Bill for prohibiting the Importation of *Engliſh* Books reprinted abroad; and for limiting the Prices of Books.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolution on the Supply, *viz.*

Reſolved, That 5000 *l.* be granted as a Reward to *Joanna Stephens*, upon a proper Diſcovery to be made by her, for the Uſe of the Publick, of her Method of preparing her Medicines for the Stone.

Received the Report of the Bill to regulate the Price and *Aſſize of Bread*, and for the better Regulation of *Attornies* and *Solicitors*, and ordered it to be engroſſed.

Heard

Heard Counſel and ſome Evidence for ſeveral Coal-Owners, againſt the Petitions of ſeveral Conſumers of *Coals*.

April 11.

Read a third time and paſſed the *Coinage*-Bill.

Read a firſt time a Bill to enlarge the Powers of the Commiſſioners for building a Bridge at *Weſtminſter*, and to remove all Doubts and Difficulties on their purchaſing Houſes, Grounds, &c.

Heard Counſel farther on the *Coal* Affair.

April 12.

Received three Petitions from *Devonſhire*, one from *Southampton*, and one from *Somerſetſhire*, ſeverally complaining of the Decay of the *Woollen* Manufacture, and praying Relief.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read a ſecond time a Bill for eſtabliſhing an Hoſpital at *Bath*.

Read a third time and paſſed the Bill for fixing the Price and *Aſſize of Bread*, and regulating *Attornies*, with ſeveral Amendments.

Received the Report from the Committee to whom the Bill to obviate certain Doubts, which have ariſen on an Act, 1 *William* and *Mary*, *concerning Tanned Leather*, was committed; when it was moved for a Clauſe to be added, that the Trade be laid open to all *Curriers*, *Shoemakers*, &c. which was rejected; on a Diviſion, Ayes 64, Noes 112.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

April 13.

Heard Counſel further on the *Coal* Affair.

April 16.

Read a ſecond time the Bill for prohibiting the Importation of *Engliſh* Books reprinted abroad, and limiting the Prices of Books.

Read a ſecond time the Bill for improving the Navigation of the River *Lee*, and heard Counſel for and againſt the ſame, and ſeveral Bargemen were examined. And the ſaid Bill was committed.

April 17.

Received a Petition of ſeveral Captains, Commanders and Officers of the Royal Navy, praying to be heard by Counſel, againſt the Bill for preventing Officers of His MAJESTY's Ships of War, from carrying *Goods* and *Merchandizes* on Freights, or Trading therewith.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time upon this Day Month; on a Diviſion, Ayes 134, Noes 80.

Read a firſt time a Bill for the publick regiſtring of all Deeds, Conveyances, Wills, &c. in *England*.

In a grand Committee took the *Coal* Affair into Conſideration; after Debate, it was moved that the Chairman do leave the Chair; which paſſed in the Affirmative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

April 18.

Read a ſecond time the Bill to enlarge the Powers of the Commiſſioners of *Weſtminſter-Bridge*, &c.

Read a third time a Bill to obviate certain Doubts concerning *Tanned Leather*, and ſome Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill. Another Amendment being propoſed, and a Debate ariſing thereupon,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned to the 27th Inſtant.

April 19.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the *Exciſe* do attend this Houſe on the 27th Inſtant, to be examined relating to *Tanners* cutting *Leather* in Parcels, and whether it will affect the Duty by ſo doing.

Received the Report of the Bill for prohibiting the Importation of *Engliſh* Books, reprinted abroad, and for limiting the Prices of Books, and ordered it to be engroſſed.

Read a firſt time a Bill for explaining an Act, 8th *Richard* II. intitled, *No Man of Law ſhall be Juſtice of Aſſize in his own Country*.

Mr. *Speaker* reported that this Houſe had attended His MAJESTY in the *Houſe of Peers*, when His MAJESTY gave the *Royal Aſſent* to the *Land-Tax*-Bill, the *Coinage*-Bill, the *Oath*-Bill, and to 22 *private*-Bills.

Read a firſt time a Bill for taking off the Duties upon *Woollen* and *Bay-Yarn*, imported from *Ireland* to *England*; and for preventing the Exportation of *Wool* to foreign Parts.

Received a Petition of the Merchants of *London*, praying to be heard by Counſel againſt the Bill for granting Liberty to carry Sugars of the Growth, Produce or Manufacture of the Sugar Colonies in *America*, directly to foreign Parts; as it will turn part of that Commerce into a new Channel, to the great Advantage of Foreigners, but to the manifeſt Prejudice of the Trade and Navigation of *Great Britain*.

Leave given accordingly.

April 26.

Read a firſt time a Bill for providing a Reward to Mrs. *Stephens*, on a proper Diſcovery, to be made by her, for the Uſe of the Publick, of her Method of preparing her Medicines for the *Stone*.

Received a Petition from Mrs. *Jane Lowther* of *Whitehall*, praying to be heard by Counſel againſt *Weſtminſter-Bridge*-Bill.

Leave given accordingly.

April 27.

Read a third time and paſſed the Bill for prohibiting the Importation of *Engliſh* Books reprinted abroad, and for limiting the Prices of Books.

Read a ſecond time the Bill for the publick Regiſtring of all *Deeds*, *Wills*, &c. throughout *England*.

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned Debate, upon the Amendment propoſed to be made to the engroſſed Bill to obviate certain Doubts, which have ariſen upon the Conſtruction of the Act 1 K. *William* and Q. *Mary*, for explaining an Act made 1 K. *James* I. concerning *Tanned-Leather*. And the Commiſſioners of *Exciſe* were examined. After Debate, *Reſolved*, That the Bill do paſs; on a Diviſion, Ayes 78, Noes 58.

Received the Report of the Bill for puniſhing *Rogues*, *Vagabonds*, &c. and for Relief of *Lunaticks* and *Foundling* Children, and *Ordered* the Bill with the Amendments to be engroſſed.

April 30.

Received the Report of the Bill for the more eaſy aſſeſſing, collecting and levying of *County* Rates.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Received a Petition of the Merchants of *Lancaſter*, againſt the Bill for granting a Liberty to carry Sugars of the Growth, Produce, &c. of the *American* Colonies directly to foreign Parts.

Then proceeded to hear Counſel for and againſt the ſaid Bill, and examined a Witneſs.

Read a firſt time a Bill to rectify a Miſtake in an Act paſſed in the 6 K. *George* I. intitled an Act for preventing *Frauds* and *Abuſes* in the publick Revenues of *Exciſe*, *Cuſtoms*, *Stamp-Duties*, &c. And to obviate a Doubt that has ariſen upon an Act 7 K. *George* I. intitled an Act for preventing His MAJESTY's Subjects from trading to the *Eaſt-Indies* under foreign Commiſſions. *Read*

Read a third time and paſſed the Bill for the more effectual puniſhing *Rogues*, *Vagabonds*, &c.

Went into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to enlarge the Powers of the Commiſſioners of *Weſtminſter-Bridge*. And the Committee made a Clauſe for enlarging the time for exchanging of Tickets unclaimed in the laſt *Lottery*, and for making Proviſion for Tickets, loſt, burnt or otherwiſe deſtroyed.

May 2.

Read a ſecond time and committed the Bill for providing a Reward to *Joanna Stephens*, upon a Diſcovery of her Medicines for the *Stone*, upon a Diviſion, Ayes 91, Noes 60.*

May 3.

Read a ſecond time a Bill for explaining an Act 8 K. *Richard* II. That no Man of Law ſhall be Juſtice of Aſſize in his own Country.

Received a Meſſage from His MAJESTY; *That His* MAJESTY *being reſtrained by the Laws now in being from making Proviſions for his younger Children, out of the Hereditary Revenues of the Crown, in ſuch Manner as his Royal Predeceſſors have uſually done, and being deſirous that competent Proviſions may be made for the honourable Support and Maintenance of his dearly beloved Son the Duke of* Cumberland, *and of his dearly beloved Daughters the four younger Princeſſes; His* MAJESTY *hopes, that he ſhall be enabled by Act of Parliament to grant an Annuity of Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* per Annum *to the Duke of* Cumberland *and his Iſſue, and an Annuity of Twenty four Thouſand Pounds* per Annum *to the four Princeſſes, to take Effect after his Demiſe, and recommends the Conſideration thereof to the Houſe.*

And a Bill was *Ordered* in accordingly.

Read a ſecond time the Bill for taking off the Duties upon *Woollen* and *Bay-Yarn*, imported from *Ireland* to *England*, and for the effectual preventing the Exportation of *Wool* from *Great Britain* and *Ireland* to foreign Parts.

May 4.

Read a firſt time a Bill to authoriſe and impower the High Court of *Chancery* to lay out upon proper Securities, any Moneys, not exceeding a Sum to be limited, out of the common and general Caſh in the *Bank* of *England*, belonging to the Suitors of the ſaid Court, for the Eaſe of the ſaid Suitors, by applying the Intereſt ariſing therefrom for

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* The Minority were for having the Reward paid out of His Majeſty's *Civil Liſt*, as was uſual in ſuch Caſes in former Reigns.

anſwering the Charges of the Office of Accountant General, of the ſaid Court.

Read a firſt time a Bill for rendring more effectual the Laws made for impoſing Duties on all foreign *Sugars*, *Paneles*, *Rum*, *Spirits*, *Molaſſes* and *Syrups* imported into *Great Britain* and His MAJESTY's Plantations in *America*.

Read a ſecond time a Bill to rectify a Miſtake in an Act 6 K. *George* I. for preventing Frauds, &c. in the publick Revenues, &c. And to obviate a Doubt in an Act 7 K. *George* I. for preventing His MAJESTY's Subjects from trading to the *Eaſt-Indies* under foreign Commiſſions.

Read a third time and paſſed the Bill for the more eaſy aſſeſſing, collecting and levying of *County* Rates with Amendments.

Paſſed the Bill for allowing further time for Inrollment of *Deeds* and *Wills* made by *Papiſts*.

Heard Counſel for and againſt the Bill for granting a Liberty to carry *Sugars* of the Growth, and Produce of any of His MAJESTY's *Sugar* Colonies in *America*, directly to foreign Parts in *Engliſh* Ships.

May 7.

Received the Report of the Bill for erecting and eſtabliſhing an Infirmary at *Bath*.

Ordered the Bill with the Amendments to be engroſſed.

Read a firſt time a Bill to ſettle an Annuity on his Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Cumberland* and his Iſſue, and alſo one other Annuity on the Princeſſes *Amelia*, *Caroline*, *Mary*, and *Louiſa*.

Heard Counſel for and againſt the *Sugar*-Colony-Bill, and committed it; on a Diviſion, Ayes 76, Noes 19.

May 8.

Read a ſecond time the Annuity-Bill for the Royal Family.

Read a ſecond time and committed the Bill to impower the High Court of *Chancery* to lay out Moneys for the eaſe of the Suitors of that Court.

Went thro' in a Committee the Bill to explain an Act that *no Man of Law* ſhall be Judge of Aſſize in his own Country.

Went thro' in a Committee *Weſtminſter-Bridge*-Bill.

Went thro' in a Committee Mrs. *Stephens*'s Bill.

May 9.

Reported Mrs. *Stephens*'s Bill, and *Ordered* it to be engroſſed.

Went thro' in a Committee the Bill for ſettling an Annuity on the *Duke* and *four Princeſſes*.

Reported the Bill to rectify a Miſtake in an Act for preventing Frauds and Abuſes in the publick Revenues of *Exciſe*, *Cuſtoms*, *Stamp-Duties*, &c. And to obviate a Doubt in an Act for the further preventing His MAJESTY's Subjects from trading to the *Eaſt-Indies* under foreign Commiſſions, &c. and *Ordered* it to be engroſſed.

Read a firſt time, a Bill for the more eaſy and effectual Recovery of *ſmall Debts*.

Read a third time and paſſed the Bill for eſtabliſhing an *Hoſpital*, or *Infirmary* at *Bath*.

May 10.

Read a third time and paſſed a Bill to rectify a Miſtake in an Act 6 K. *George* I. for preventing *Frauds* and *Abuſes* in the publick Revenues, &c. And for the further preventing His MAJESTY's Subjects from trading to the *Eaſt-Indies* under foreign Commiſſions.

Received the Report of the Bill to enable His MAJESTY to ſettle an Annuity upon the Duke of *Cumberland*, and the four Princeſſes.

Ordered the Bill with the Amendments to be engroſſed.

Received a Meſſage from His MAJESTY, ſigned

GEORGE REX.

His MAJESTY *being truly ſolicitous for the Peace and Welfare of theſe Kingdoms, and deſirous to contribute, as far as in him lies, towards preſerving the Publick Tranquility, and the Balance of Power in* Europe; *hath concluded with the King of* Denmark *a Treaty agreeable to that which expired in* 1737, *and has ordered the ſame to be laid before this Houſe; that he may be enabled to make good the Engagements, which he hath thereby entered into.*

And as Events may happen during ſuch time as it may be impoſſible for His MAJESTY *to have the immediate Advice and Aſſiſtance of his Great Council, upon any Emergency ariſing from the preſent Poſture of Affairs in* Europe, *which may nearly concern the Honour, Intereſt, and Safety of theſe Kingdoms; His* MAJESTY *hopes he ſhall be enabled and ſupported by his Parliament in making ſuch further Augmentation of his Forces, either by Sea or Land, as may become abſolutely neceſſary, and in concerting ſuch Meaſures as the Exigency of Affairs may require; and whatever Expence ſhall be thereby occaſioned, ſhall be made in as frugal a Manner as is poſſible; and an Account thereof ſhall be laid before this Houſe the next Seſſion of Parliament.* Ordered

Ordered, *Nemine Contradicente*, That His MAJESTY's ſaid moſt gracious Meſſage be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it is referred to conſider further of the Supply granted to His MAJESTY.

May 11.

Read a third time, and paſſed a Bill to enable His MAJESTY to ſettle an Annuity of *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds per Annum*, on his Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Cumberland*, and the Heirs of his Body; and alſo, one other Annuity of *Twenty four Thouſand Pounds per Annum* on their Royal Highneſſes the Princeſſes *Amelia*, *Caroline*, *Mary* and *Louiſa*.

Went into a Committee upon the Supply, and came to ſeveral Reſolutions to be reported on *Monday*.

May 14.

Paſſed the Bill to explain an Act, that *no Man of Law* ſhall be Juſtice of *Aſſize* in his own Country.

Went thro', in a Committee of the whole Houſe, the Bill for taking off the Duties upon *Woollen* and *Bay-Yarn* imported from *Ireland* to *England*, &c.

Received the Report of *Friday*'s Reſolutions in a Committee upon the Supply, which were agreed to, *viz.*

Reſolved, That 70,583*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* be granted to His MAJESTY on account of the *Levy-Money* and *Subſidy* payable to the *King* of *Denmark*, purſuant to the *Treaty* bearing Date the $\frac{3}{14}$th Day of *March* 1738-9. for the Service of the Year 1739.

That 500,000*l.* be granted towards enabling His MAJESTY to make ſuch further Augmentation of his Forces either by *Sea* or *Land*, as may become abſolutely neceſſary, and as the *Exigency* of Affairs may require.

That 60,000*l.* be granted, being the Sum acknowledged to be due from *Great Britain* to *Spain* *, and agreed to in the *Convention* ſigned at the *Pardo*, *January* 14, 1739. N. S. to be applied, together with the further Sum of 95,000*l.* to be advanced by the Crown of *Spain*, towards making Satisfaction to His MAJESTY's injured Subjects, for the Damages they have ſuſtained by the *Depredations* of the *Spaniards*.

That 4000*l.* be granted towards the repairing and finiſhing *Weſtminſter-Abbey*.

That 2000*l.* be granted for the further Repair and finiſhing the Tower and Roof of the *Pariſh* Church of *St. Margaret's Weſtminſter*.

May

* For the Deſtruction of the *Spaniſh* Fleet near *Sicily* in 1718.

May 15.

Reported the Bill for explaining and making more effectual an Act 10 and 11 K. *William* III. for Suppreſſing of Lotteries, &c.

Went thro' in a Committee the Bill for the publick Regiſtring of all *Deeds*, *Conveyances*, *Wills*, &c. within *Great Britain*, wherein publick Regiſters are not appointed by Act of Parliament.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolutions, in a Committee of *Ways* and *Means*; *Viz.*

Reſolved, That towards raiſing the Supply granted to His MAJESTY, there be iſſued and applied the Sum of 500,000 *l.* out of ſuch Monies as have ariſen, or ſhall or may ariſe, of the *Surpluſſes*, *Exceſſes*, or *Overplus* Monies, commonly called the *Sinking Fund*.

That His MAJESTY be enabled to iſſue and apply the further Sum of 500,000 *l.* out of the growing Produce of the ſame *Sinking Fund*, or to borrow the ſame by *Loans* or *Exchequer-Bills*, at 3 *l. per Cent. Intereſt*, to be charged upon, and ſecured by the ſaid Fund.

Ordered in a Bill accordingly.

May 16.

Read a firſt time a Bill for granting to His MAJESTY a Sum out of the *Sinking Fund*, for the Service of 1739; and for enabling His MAJESTY to apply a further Sum out of the *growing Produce* of the ſaid Fund.

Read a ſecond time a Bill for the more *eaſy* and *effectual* Recovery of *ſmall Debts*.

Paſſed the Bill for providing a Reward to Mrs. *Stephens* upon a Diſcovery of her *Medicines* for Cure of the *Stone*.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for taking off the Duties upon *Woollen* and *Bay-Yarn*, &c.

May 17.

Paſſed the Bill for explaining, and making more effectual the ſeveral Laws therein mentioned for *Suppreſſing Lotteries*, denominated Sales, and other private *Lotteries*.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for the publick Regiſtering of all *Deeds*, *Conveyances*, *Wills*, &c. and *Ordered* it to be engroſſed.

May 18.

Read a ſecond time the Bill for granting *one Million* to His MAJESTY out of the *Sinking Fund*.

Read a third time and paſſed the Bill for taking off the Duties upon *Woollen* and *Bay-Yarn* imported from *Ireland* to *England*, &c.

Agreed

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for enlarging the Powers of the Commiſſioners of *Weſtminſter-Bridge*, &c. and *Ordered* it to be engroſſed.

Went thro' in a Committee the Bill for granting a Liberty to carry Sugars of the Growth of His MAJESTY's *Sugar* Colonies in *America*, directly to *foreign* Parts, &c.

May 21.

Paſſed the Bill for the publick Regiſtring of all *Deeds*, *Wills*, *Conveyances*, &c. within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, wherein publick Regiſters are not already appointed by *Act of Parliament*; on a Diviſion, Ayes 90, Noes 26.

Ordered, That the Reverend Dr. *John Thomas*, Rector of *St. Vedaſt* in *London*, be deſired to preach before this Houſe at *St. Margaret's Weſtminſter*, upon *Tueſday* the 29th of this Inſtant *May*.

Went thro' in a Committee the Bill for improving and Navigating the River *Lee*, from the Town of *Hertford*, to the Town of *Ware* in the County of *Hertford* with ſeveral Amendments.

Went into a grand Committee upon the Supply, and came to a Reſolution.

May 22.

Paſſed the Bill to enlarge the Powers of the Commiſſioners for building a Bridge croſs the River *Thames*, from the *Woolſtaple* to the oppoſite Shore in the County of *Surry*; and to enable them, by a Lottery, to raiſe Money for the ſeveral Purpoſes therein mentioned; and to enlarge the time for exchanging Tickets unclaimed in the laſt Lottery for the ſaid Bridge; and to make Proviſion for Tickets in the ſaid Lottery, loſt, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolution in a Committee upon the *Supply*, *viz.*

Reſolved, That 5000*l.* be granted to His MAJESTY for making Satisfaction to *Solomon Merret* of *London* Merchant, for himſelf and others, late Owners of the Ship *Sancta Iſabella*, a *Spaniſh* Man of War, taken by his late MAJESTY's Fleet near *Sicily* in 1718, and ſold to them; which Ship was afterwards delivered up to the *Spaniards*, purſuant to a Treaty between the two Crowns.

Went thro' in a Committee the Bill to impower the Court of *Chancery* to lay out upon proper Securities, any Moneys not exceeding a Sum to be limited, out of the general Caſh of the *Bank of England*, belonging to the Suitors of the ſaid Court,

Court, for their Eaſe, by applying the Intereſt ariſing therefrom, for anſwering the Charges of the Office of the *Accomptant-General* of the ſaid Court.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for granting a Liberty to carry Sugars of the Growth, and Produce of any of His MAJESTY's *Sugar* Colonies in *America*, from thence directly to foreign Parts, &c. with ſeveral Amendments, and Ordered it to be engroſſed.

Went thro' in a Committee, the Bill for the more eaſy and effectual Recovery of *ſmall Debts*, with ſeveral Amendments.

Agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill for prohibiting the Importation of *Engliſh* Books reprinted abroad, &c.

May 23.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill to impower the High Court of *Chancery* to lay out a certain Sum to be limited upon proper Securities out of the *Bank of England*, belonging to the Suitors of the ſaid Court, for their Eaſe, &c. with ſeveral Amendments, and *Ordered* it to be engroſſed.

Went thro', in a Committee, the Bill for granting *one Million* to His MAJESTY out of the *Sinking-Fund*, with ſeveral Amendments.

Paſſed the Bill for granting a Liberty to carry Sugars of the Produce of His MAJESTY's *Sugar* Colonies in *America*, from thence directly to foreign Parts.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for improving the Navigation of the *River Lee*, &c.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Received the Report of the Bill for the more eaſy and effectual Recovery of *ſmall Debts*.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

May 24.

Received the Report of the Bill for granting to His MAJESTY *One Million* out of the *Sinking Fund*.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Paſſed the Bill for the more *eaſy* and *effectual* Recovery of *ſmall Debts*.

Took into Conſideration the *Lords* Amendments to the Bill for obviating ſome Doubts in an Act concerning *Tanned Leather*.

And a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Amendments be taken into Conſideration upon the 30th Inſtant.

It paſſed in the *Negative*; Upon a Diviſion, Ayes 55, Noes 61.

And the firſt and ſecond *Amendments* were agreed to.

But a Debate ariſing upon the third *Amendment*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned to the 30th Inſtant.

Paſſed the Bill to impower the High Court of *Chancery* to lay out a limited Sum for the eaſe of the Suitors, &c.

May 25.

Paſſed the Bill for granting *One Million* to His MAJESTY out of the *Sinking Fund*.

Agreed to the Amendments made by the *Lords*, to the Bill for Preventing Frauds and Abuſes in Gold and Silver Wares.

Paſſed the Bill for preſerving, and improving the Navigation of the River *Lee*, &c.

May 30.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to *Dr. Thomas* for his Sermon preach'd before this Houſe Yeſterday at *St. Margaret's Weſtminſter*.

Took into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Curriers*-Bill; and agreed to them.

Took into Conſideration, the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill for the more effectual *Suppreſſing Lotteries, Sales*, &c.

Reſolved, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments be adjourned to this Day *Month*.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more effectual preventing of *exceſſive Gaming*.

May 31.

Read a *firſt* and *ſecond* time a Bill for the more effectual preventing of *exceſſive and deceitful Gaming*.

June 1.

In a Committee went thro' the Bill, for preventing of *exceſſive Gaming*. And Reported the ſame with ſeveral *Amendments*.

Ordered, That the Bill with the *Amendments* be engroſſed.

June 4.

Paſſed the Bill for the more effectual preventing of *exceſſive* and *deceitful* Gaming.

June 5.

Received, a Meſſage from the Lords, that they had agreed to the Bill to empower the High Court of *Chancery* to lay out Monies upon *proper Securities*, for the Eaſe of the *Suitors*, &c.

That their Lordſhips have agreed to the Bill for taking off the Duties upon *Woollen* and *Bay-Yarn*, imported from *Ireland* to *England*, &c. without Amendment.

June 7.

Ordered, That the Reverend Dr. *Gally*, Rector of *St. Giles's* in the Fields, be deſired to preach before this Houſe at *St. Margaret's Weſtminſter*, upon *Monday* the 11th Inſtant, being the Anniverſary of His MAJESTY's happy Acceſſion to the Throne.

June 8.

Received a Meſſage from the Lords, that they had agreed to the Act for the more effectual preventing of *exceſſive Gaming* without any Amendment.

June 12.

Ordered the Thanks of the Houſe, to the Reverend Dr. *Gally*, for his Sermon preach'd before them Yeſterday.

Agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill for preſerving and improving the Navigation of the *River Lee* in *Hertfordſhire*.

June 13.

Agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill for granting a Liberty to carry *Sugars* of the Growth, and Produce of His MAJESTY's *Sugar* Colonies in *America*, from thence directly to Foreign Parts, &c.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His MAJESTY that he would be graciouſly pleaſed to lay before them (the next Seſſions of Parliament) at what Rates all *Gold* and *Silver Coins* were accounted in any of the *Britiſh* Colonies in *America*, in the Years 1700, 1710, 1720, and 1730. And what Rates they are now accounted at, or ſold for *per Ounce*.

Reſolved, That an Humble Addreſs be preſented to His MAJESTY that he would be pleaſed to lay before them, the next Seſſion of Parliament, what was the Amount of the *Paper-Bills*, or *Bills* of Credit, which ſubſiſted or paſſed in Payment in the *Britiſh* Colonies, in the Year 1700. And alſo an Account of the Amount of what *Paper-Bills*, &c. have been created or iſſued in any of the ſaid Colonies ſince 1700; with the Amount of the Value, in Money of *Great Britain*, of ſuch Bills, at the reſpective Times of their creating and iſſuing; and what Proviſion was made thereby, for the ſinking or diſcharging of any ſuch *Paper-Bills*, &c. together with an Account of the Amount of the *Bills* that have been ſunk or diſcharged in purſuance thereof, and alſo of the *Bills* ſubſiſting or paſſing in Pay-

ment at this Time in any of the ſaid Colonies or Plantations, with the Amount of their Value in *Engliſh* Money, &c.

June 14.

His Majeſty came to the Houſe of Peers, and gave the Royal Aſſent to the following Publick Acts.

viz.

An Act for granting to His MAJESTY *Five Hundred Thouſand Pounds out of the Sinking Fund, and for enabling His* MAJESTY *to raiſe the further Sum of five Hundred Thouſand Pounds out of the growing Produce of the ſaid Fund*, &c.

To enable His MAJESTY *to ſettle an Annuity of* 15000 *l.* per Annum, *on his Royal Highneſs the Duke of* Cumberland, *and his Heirs, and alſo, one other Annuity of* 24000 *l.* per Annum *upon the Princeſſes* Amelia, Caroline, Mary *and* Louiſa.

For taking off the Duties upon Woollen *and* Bay-Yarn *imported from* Ireland *to* England, *and preventing the Exportation thereof.*

For granting a Liberty to carry Sugars of the Growth and Produce of His MAJESTY's Sugar *Colonies in* America, *from thence directly to Foreign Parts.*

For the more effectual preventing of exceſſive and deceitful Gaming.

For the better preventing Frauds and Abuſes in Gold *and* Silver *Wares.*

For prohibiting the Importation of Books reprinted abroad, and firſt compoſed or written and printed in Great Britain.

To rectify a Miſtake in an Act made in the 6 K. George I. *for preventing Frauds and Abuſes in the publick Revenues, &c. And to obviate a Doubt in an Act for preventing His* MAJESTY's *Subjects from trading to the* Eaſt-Indies, *under Foreign Commiſſions.*

For explaining and amending an Act 8 K. Richard II. *That No Man of Law ſhall be Juſtice of Aſſize in his own Country, &c.*

For continuing an Act 8 Q. Anne, *to regulate the Price and Aſſize of Bread. And for continuing and amending an Act* 2 K. George II. *for the better Regulation of Attornies and Solicitors.*

For allowing further time for Inrollment of Deeds, and Wills made by Papiſt, &c.

For the more eaſy aſſeſſing and levying County Rates.

To impower the High Court of Chancery *to lay out, upon proper Securities, Monies belonging to the Suitors of that Court for their Eaſe, &c.*

To

To obviate ſome Doubts in an Act 1 K. William *and* Q. Mary, *concerning* Tanned Leather, &c.

For providing a Reward to Joanna Stephens, *upon a proper Diſcovery to be made by her, for the Uſe of the Publick, of the Medicines prepared by her for the Cure of the Stone.*

To enlarge the Powers of the Commiſſioners for building Weſtminſter-Bridge, *and to enable them by a Lottery to raiſe Money*, &c.

For eſtabliſhing an Hoſpital at Bath.

For improving and preſerving the Navigation of the River Lee *in* Hertfordſhire, &c.

And to ſeveral other publick and private-Bills.

After which His MAJESTY put an end to the Seſſion with a moſt gracious Speech from the Throne: Signifying *that they had ſo fully declared their Sentiments, as well with regard to the paſt Conduct of* Spain, *as to the Meaſures that might become neceſſary to be purſued, that no Inconvenience can ariſe from the immediate Want of their further Aſſiſtance, during the Receſs of Parliament; and that he ſhould ſo entirely rely upon the Aſſurances, they had given him, that he would not be wanting, in his Endeavours, to vindicate and maintain our undoubted Rights, and to anſwer the juſt Expectations of his People. His* MAJESTY *alſo thanked them for the extraordinary Supplies they had granted him, towards augmenting his Forces by Sea and Land. And recommended to their ſerious Conſideration, the fatal Conſequences, that may threaten a Nation divided in itſelf. Adviſing all who profeſt themſelves zealous Aſſertors of the Rights, Privileges, Laws and Liberties of their Country, and of the Proteſtant Religion under the preſent Eſtabliſhment, to unite in the Defence of theſe ineſtimable Bleſſings.*

That the Honour, Proſperity, and Safety of theſe Kingdoms might become one common Cauſe, and reconcile all civil Diſcords and Diviſions; that by their Unanimity, they may diſappoint the only Hopes, and vain Expectations of their Enemies.

Thurſday

Thurſday November 15, 1739.

THIS Day His MAJESTY came to the Houſe of *Peers*. and open'd the Seſſion with a moſt Gracious Speech from the Throne, ſignifying, That the preſent Poſture of Affairs obliged him to call them together at that Time ſooner than had been uſual of late Years, that HE might have their immediate Advice and Aſſiſtance at that Critical and important Conjuncture. That as HE had made all his Proceedings with the Court of *Spain* agreeable to the Senſe of both Houſes of Parliament; HE made no doubt, but HE ſhould meet with a ready Support in ſo juſt and neceſſary a War, which the repeated Injuries and Violences committed by that Nation upon our Navigation and Commerce, and their Obſtinacy, and notorious Violation of the moſt ſolemn Engagements, had rendred unavoidable. That HE had augmented his Forces by *Sea* and *Land*, with all the Moderation that the Security of his Dominions, the Protection of our Trade, and the neceſſary Means of diſtreſſing and annoying our Enemies in the moſt ſenſible Parts, would admit, &c.

That HE had ordered the proper Officers to lay before them Eſtimates for the Service of the enſuing Year, and likewiſe Accounts of the *Extraordinary* Expences that had been made that Year, in purſuance of the Power given him by Parliament. And as in the Proſecution of this War, a Number of Soldiers, to ſerve on board the Fleet, may be requiſite; he had judg'd it proper that a Body of *Marines* ſhould be rais'd, and had directed the Eſtimates for that purpoſe to be likewiſe laid before them. And that HE could not doubt, from their known Affection to HIS Perſon and Government, &c. but they would grant him ſuch effectual Supplies, and with ſuch Diſpatch, as may forward, and give Spirit to our Preparations, and enable him to carry on the War with Vigour.

That HE was afraid, the Heats and Animoſities, amongſt our ſelves, had been one of the chief Encouragements to the Court of *Spain*, to hold ſuch a Conduct towards us,

as

as to make it neceſſary to have recourſe to Arms. But whatever Views and Projects may be form'd upon this Rupture, and what Advantages ſoever *Spain* may vainly promiſe *itſelf* from any Circumſtances in the preſent Situation of Affairs; it was in their Power (by the Bleſſing of God) to defeat the one, and diſappoint the other. That *Union* among all thoſe, who have nothing at Heart but the true Intereſt of *Great Britain*, and a becoming Zeal in the Defence of His Kingdoms, and in the Support of the common Cauſe of our Country, with as general a Concurrence in carrying on the War, as there has appeared for engaging in it, will make the Court of *Spain* repent the Wrongs they have done us; and convince thoſe, who mean the Subverſion of the preſent Eſtabliſhment, that this Nation is determined, and able both to vindicate their injured Honour, and to defend themſelves againſt all our *Open* and *Secret* Enemies, both at *Home* and *Abroad*.

Whereupon the COMMONS *Reſolved*, That an Humble Addreſs be preſented to His MAJESTY, with Thanks for his moſt gracious Speech from the Throne. To expreſs their entire Satisfaction in His MAJESTY's Declaration of War againſt *Spain*, &c.

And a Committee was appointed to draw up an Addreſs upon the ſaid Reſolution.

November 16.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will receive no Petitions for Private-Bills after the firſt Day of *February* next.

Upon a Motion made by Mr. *Pulteney*,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more effectual ſecuring and encouraging the Trade of His MAJESTY's *Britiſh* Subjects to *America*, and for the Encouragement of Seamen to enter into His MAJESTY's Service.

Agreed to the Report of their Addreſs to be preſented to His MAJESTY.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented by the whole Houſe.

November 17.

The Houſe went with their Addreſs to HIS MAJESTY, with Thanks for his moſt gracious Speech, &c.

November 19.

Mr. Speaker reported His MAJESTY's Anſwer to their Addreſs.

November

November 20.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, that a Supply be granted to His MAJESTY.

Ordered divers Eſtimates of Accounts to be laid before them.

Received a Petition from *Charles Vanbrugh* Eſq; complaining of an undue Election and return for the Borough of *Plimouth* in the County of *Devon*, which was ordered to be heard at the Bar of the Houſe, upon the 15th of *January* next.

November 21.

Received ſeveral Accounts from the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, relating to prohibited *Eaſt-India*-Goods, remaining in their Warehouſes from *September* 29, 1738. to *September* 29, 1739. And ſeveral other Accounts.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His MAJESTY, as a dutiful Return to His gracious Deſire of the Advice of His Parliament, at this critical and important Conjuncture, and as a further Teſtimony of their firm Reſolution vigorouſly to ſupport His MAJESTY in the Proſecution of the War againſt *Spain*; humbly to beſeech His MAJESTY, never to admit of any Treaty of Peace with that Crown, unleſs the Acknowledgement of our natural and indubitable Right to navigate in the *American* Seas, to and from any Part of His MAJESTY's Dominions, without being ſeiz'd, ſearch'd, viſited or ſtopp'd, under any Pretence whatſoever, ſhall have been firſt obtain'd as a Preliminary thereto.

Reſolved, That a Conference be deſired with the LORDS, upon a Matter of the greateſt Importance to the Honour of the IMPERIAL Crown, and to the Navigation and Commerce of theſe Kingdoms.

Ordered, That the Earl of *Middleſex* do go to the LORDS and deſire the ſaid Conference.

The Lords having agreed to the ſame. The Managers went to the Conference. And being returned, Sir *William Wyndham* reported, that the Managers had conferr'd with the *Lords*, and left the above Reſolution with their Lordſhips.

November 22.

Received a Meſſage from the *Lords* to deſire a Conference with this Houſe, upon the Subject Matter of the laſt Conference. And the Managers accordingly went. And being returned, Sir *William Wyndham* reported, that the Lords had

had agreed to the ſaid Reſolution, and filled up the Blank with——*the Lords Spiritual and Temporal.*——

November 23.

The Houſe went with the *Lords* to Addreſs His MAJESTY.

November 26.

Received ſeveral Eſtimates of Accounts, of the Charge of His MAJESTY's Land-Forces: As alſo Eſtimates of the Charge of the ſix Regiments of *Marines*, &c.

Mr. *Speaker* reported His MAJESTY's Thanks to both Houſes, for their Dutiful Addreſs, &c.

Agreed to the Report of Friday's Reſolution on the Supply; *viz.* Reſolved that 35000 *Seamen* be employed for the Service of the Year 1740.

Read a firſt Time a Bill for the more effectual ſecuring and encouraging the Trade of His MAJESTY's *Britiſh* Subjects to *America*, and for the Encouragement of Seamen to enter into His MAJESTY's Service.

November 27.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, that an humble Addreſs be preſented to His MAJESTY, that the Body of *Marines* intended to be raiſed, may be done in the moſt frugal Manner, &c. And humbly to propoſe that they may be draughted from the preſent Regiments of Foot, &c. After Debate it paſſed in the Negative, upon a Diviſion, Ayes 95, Noes 177.

November 28.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His MAJESTY, for a Copy of an Eſtimate of the Eſtabliſhment of the ſix Regiments of *Marines* for the Year 1740, to be laid before them.

November 29.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, that His MAJESTY be addreſſed for Copies or Extracts of ſuch Memorials, or Repreſentations, as have been made to the King of *Spain*, or his Miniſters, from the Treaty of *Seville* to the 9th of *March* 1738, relating to *Spaniſh* Depredations; It paſſed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, to Addreſs His MAJESTY, for Copies or Extracts of all Letters written and Inſtructions given by the Secretaries of State, &c. to any of the Governors of the *Britiſh* Plantations in *America*, &c. from the Treaty of *Seville* to the firſt of *January* 1738, relating to the *Spaniſh* Depredations; It paſſed in the Negative, Ayes 55, Noes 95.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, to Addreſs His MAJESTY, for Copies of all the Inſtructions and Letters ſent to Mr. *Keene* by his MAJESTY's Miniſters, authorizing him to conclude and ſign the *Convention* between His MAJESTY and the King of *Spain*, on the 14th of *January* 1738-9, N. S. It paſſed in the Negative, Ayes 98, Noes 172.

November 30.

Read a firſt time the *Malt*-Bill.

Received an Account of the Eſtabliſhment of the ſix Regiments of *Marines* in 1704.

Agreed to the Report of *Wedneſday*'s Reſolutions, *viz.*

Reſolved, That 28852 Men be granted for Land-Forces for the Service of the Year 1740.

That 860,150*l.* 10*s.* 4*d* ½ be granted for maintaining them.

Reſolved, That 4890 Men be employed as *Marines* for the Service of the Year 1740.

That 118,214*l.* 1*s.* be granted for raiſing and maintaining them from *October* 25, 1739, to *December* 24, 1740.

December 3.

Read a ſecond time the *Malt*-Bill.

December 4.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolution, in a Committee on Ways and Means, *viz.* *Reſolved*, That towards raiſing the Supply granted to His MAJESTY, the Sum of four Shillings in the Pound be raiſed as *Land-Tax* for 1740. And a Bill was Ordered in accordingly.

Read a ſecond time the Bill for the more effectual ſecuring and encouraging the Trade of His MAJESTY's *Britiſh* Subjects to *America*, and for the Encouragement of Seamen to enter into His MAJESTY's Service.

December 5.

Read a firſt time the *Land-Tax*-Bill.

In a Committee, went thro the *Malt*-Bill, with ſeveral Amendments.

December 6.

Agreed to the Report of the *Malt*-Bill, and ordered it to be engroſſed.

Read a ſecond time the *Land-Tax*-Bill.

December 7.

Read a third time and paſſed the *Malt*-Bill.

In a Committee went thro' the *Land-Tax*-Bill, with ſeveral Amendments.

December

December 10.

Read a firſt time a Bill, for the better Supply of *Mariners* and *Seamen*, to ſerve in His MAJESTY's Ships of War, and on board Merchant Ships, and other trading Veſſels, and Privateers.

Received a Petition from the *South Sea* Company, againſt the Bill for the more effectual ſecuring and encouraging the Trade of His MAJESTY's *Britiſh* Subjects to *America*, and for the Encouragement of Seamen.

Received a Petition of *William Mitchell* Eſq; complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Huntingdon*. Which was ordered to be heard at the Bar of the Houſe upon the 14th of *January*.

Agreed to the Report of the *Land-Tax*-Bill. And ordered it to be engroſſed.

December 11.

Read a ſecond time a Bill for better Supply of *Mariners* and *Seamen*.

December 12.

Read a third time, and paſſed the *Land-Tax*-Bill.

Went thro' in a Committee the Bill for better Supply of *Mariners* and *Seamen*, with ſeveral Amendments.

December 13.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for better Supply of *Mariners* and *Seamen*, and Ordered it to be engroſſed.

December 14.

Received ſeveral Eſtimates of Accounts.

Read a third Time and paſſed a Bill for better Supply of *Mariners* and *Seamen* to ſerve in His MAJESTY's Ships of War, and on board Merchant Ships, and other Trading Veſſels, and Privateers.

December 17.

In a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill for the more effectual ſecuring and encouraging the Trade of His MAJESTY's *Britiſh* Subjects to *America*, and for the Encouragement of Seamen to enter into His MAJESTY's Service; it was moved that a Clauſe be added to impower the Lords of the *Admiralty* to impreſs *one* Man out of *five*, out of the Merchant Ships trading to *America*, which after ſome Debate, paſſed in the Affirmative, on a Diviſion, Ayes 86, Noes 60.

They alſo took into Conſideration, the Petition of the *South-Sea* Company, claiming the ſole Trade to *America* within

the Limits, as preſcribed in their Charter. And went thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame *.

December 18.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe be called over upon the 16th of *January*.

It paſſed in the *Negative*, on a Diviſion, Ayes 61, Noes 136.

December 19.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill, for the more effectual ſecuring our Trade to *America*, and for the Encouragement of Seamen, with the Amendments. And ordered it to be engroſſed.

December 20.

The Houſe took into conſideration, an Amendment made by the Lords to the Bill for the better Supply of *Mariners* and *Seamen* to ſerve in His MAJESTY's Ships of War, and on board Merchant Ships, and other Trading Veſſels and Privateers †. And agreed to the ſame.

His MAJESTY came to the Houſe of *Peers*, and gave the Royal Aſſent to the *Malt*-Act, to the *Land-Tax* Act, to the Act for the better Supply of *Mariners* and *Seamen*, and to one *private* Act.

Read a firſt time, a Bill for Naturalizing ſuch foreign Proteſtants, as are ſettled, or ſhall ſettle in any of His Majeſty's Colonies in *America*.

Read a third time and paſſed a Bill, for the more effectual ſecuring and encouraging the Trade of His MAJESTY's *Britiſh* Subjects to *America*, and for the Encouragement of Seamen to enter into His MAJESTY's Service. Ordered it to the *Lords*.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His MAJESTY, that a Liſt of all the Officers of His MAJESTY's Forces, on the *Britiſh* and *Iriſh* Eſtabliſhment, with the Dates of their firſt Commiſſions, may be laid before them. And then the Houſe adjourned to the 8th of *January*.

January 8.

Ordered, That ſeveral Eſtimates of Accounts, relating to the Debt of the *Navy*, &c. for the Year 1739, be laid before them. Adjourned to the 14th of *January*.

January 14.

Received a Petition from the Commiſſioners of *Weſtminſter-Bridge*, giving an Account that they had diſpoſed of

* This Bill took up 5 Days Conſideration in a Committee of the whole Houſe.

† This Bill *Naturalizes* all Foreigners who will ſerve as Seamen in the *Britiſh* Service for *two* Years certain.

of great part of the Sums already granted them, and thereupon praying for ſuch further Powers and Sums as the Houſe ſhall judge moſt proper, &c. Referr'd to a Committee.

Ordered the Thanks of the Houſe to be given to the Reverend Dr. *Barton*, for his Sermon preach'd before them upon the 9th *Inſtant*, being the Day appointed for a GENERAL FAST, and that he be deſired to print the ſame.

Read a ſecond time a Bill for naturalizing ſuch foreign Proteſtants as are ſettled, or ſhall ſettle in any of His MAJESTY's Colonies in *America*.

Heard Counſel upon the Petition of *William Mitchell* Eſq; againſt *Charles Clarke* Eſq; returned duly elected for the County of *Huntingdon*, relating to his Qualifications, which being fully proved; Mr. *Clarke* was declared duly elected.

January 15.

Read a firſt time a Bill for prohibiting Commerce with *Spain*.

Ordered ſeveral Accounts relating to the Proceedings of the Commiſſioners of *Weſtminſter-Bridge* to be laid before them.

The Houſe proceeded to the Hearing of the Matter of the Petition of *Charles Vanbrugh* Eſq; complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Plymouth* in the County of *Devon*. And the Counſel on both ſides were called in: And the ſaid Petition was read. And the laſt Determination of the Houſe, concerning the Right of electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in *Parliament* for the ſaid Borough, made the 9th of *June* 1660, which was then reſolved to be in the Mayor and Commonalty of the ſaid Borough, was alſo read.

Then the Counſel for the Petitioner were heard, and inſiſted that the Word *Commonalty* in the ſaid laſt Determination, extends only to the Freemen of the ſaid Borough, excluſive of the Freeholders thereof. Which being denied by the Counſel for *John Rogers* Eſq; the ſitting Member, who inſiſted that the ſaid Word *Commonalty*, includes the Freeholders of the ſaid Borough; the Counſel for *Captain Vanbrugh* the Petitioner proceeded to give Evidence, in Support of their Conſtruction of the ſaid Word. And a Charter granted by K. *William* III. and ſeveral Copies of Returns were read; and the Queſtion being put, That the Counſel for the ſitting Member be admitted to produce in Evidence a publick Book of the Corporation of *Plymouth*, containing Abſtracts of Leaſes granted by the

ſaid

ſaid Corporation, and ſeveral other Matters, in which Book, the ſaid Counſel alledge, there is a Memorandum of a Form, made in the Year 1676, by the then Town-Clerk of the ſaid Corporation, of a Return of Members to ſerve in *Parliament* for the ſaid Borough of *Plymouth*, but with a Memorandum alſo in the ſaid Book, that the ſaid Form was not made uſe of, but the old Form uſed; It paſſed in the *Negative*.

January 16.

Petitions from the unhappy Priſoners for Debt in the *Wood-ſtreet* Compter, *York*, *Stafford*, and *Marſhalſea Southwark*, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read, complaining of their Diſtreſs, and praying Relief. And they were ſeverally Ordered to lie on the Table. In a grand Committee on the *Supply*, came to ſeveral Reſolutions.

January 17.

Agreed to the Report of yeſterday's Reſolutions on the Supply, *viz. Reſolved*, That 260,203*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.* ½. be granted for maintaining His MAJESTY's Forces and Garriſons in the Plantations, *Minorca* and *Gibraltar*, and for Proviſions for the Garriſons at *Annapolis Royal*, *Canſo*, *Placentia*, *Gibraltar* and *Georgia*, for 1740.

That 3998*l.* be granted for maintaining the Widows of ſuch reduced Officers of His MAJESTY's Land-Forces and Marines who died upon the Eſtabliſhment of Half-Pay in *Great Britain*, and who were married to them before the 25th of *December* 1716, for 1740. That 940,71*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* be granted for the Charge of the Office of *Ordinance* for Land-Service, for 1740. That 46,362*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.* be granted for defraying the extraordinary Expences of the Office of Ordnance for Land-Service, not provided for by *Parliament*. That 20,000*l.* be granted to replace to the *Sinking Fund*, the like Sum paid out of the ſame to the *Bank of England* for one Year's Intereſt on 500,000*l.* lent on the Credit of the *Salt*-Duty towards the Supply of 1735.

That 5865*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.* be granted to replace to the *Sinking Fund*, the like Sum paid out of the ſame, to make good the Deficiency of the *Stamp* Duties at *Chriſtmas* 1738.

That 58,333*l.* be granted on Account of Subſidy payable to the King of *Denmark*, purſuant to a Treaty dated 14th of *March*, N. S. for 1740.

Then

Then the Houſe proceeded to the further Hearing of the Matter of the Petition of *Charles Vanbrugh* Eſq; complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Plymouth* in the County of *Devon*. And the Counſel were called in: And the Counſel for the ſitting Member proceeded in their Evidence, in ſupport of their Conſtruction of the Word "*Commonalty*" in the laſt Determination of the Houſe, concerning the Right of electing Burgeſſes for the ſaid Borough, made the 9th Day of *June* 1660.

And the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections in the Reign of *William* and *Mary* was read. And the Counſel on both ſides were directed to withdraw.

Reſolved, That in the laſt Determination of this Houſe, of the Right of Election of Members to ſerve in *Parliament* for the Borough of *Plymouth* in the County of *Devon*, made the 9th Day of *June* 1660, which is as followeth, "That the Mayor and Commonalty of *Plymouth*, "have Right to elect Members to ſerve in *Parliament* for "that Borough;" it appears to this Houſe, that the Word *Commonalty*, therein mentioned, extended to the Freemen only of the ſaid Borough. And the Queſtion being put, That *John Rogers*, Eſq; is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament, for *Plymouth*: It paſſed in the *Negative*, upon a Diviſion, Ayes 119, Noes 180. *Reſolved*, That *Charles Vanbrugh* Eſq; is duly elected, *&c.*

January 18.

Received ſeveral Accounts from *Greenwich-Hoſpital*, how the Money for the Year 1739, had been expended.

January 22.

Read a firſt time, a Bill to indemnify Perſons, who have omitted to qualify themſelves for Offices, within the Time limited by Law, and for allowing a further Time for that Purpoſe.

Agreed to the Report of *Friday*'s Reſolution, in a Committee on Ways and Means, *viz.* *Reſolved*, That 88,722 *l.* 7 *s.* 10 *d.* ¼. now remaining in the *Exchequer*, being the Overplus of the Grants, for 1739, be iſſued and applied towards making good the Supply granted to His MAJESTY in this Seſſion of *Parliament*.

In a grand Committee, went thro' the Bill for Naturalizing ſuch foreign Proteſtants as are ſettled, or ſhall ſettle, in any of his MAJESTY's Colonies in *America*.

Read

Read a ſecond time, a Bill for prohibiting Commerce with *Spain*.

Received Petitions from Priſoners confined for Debt in the Gaols of *Norwich*, *Lincoln*, *Worceſter*, and *Norfolk*, praying Relief: And they were Ordered to lie on the Table.

January 23.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for Naturalizing ſuch foreign Proteſtants as are ſettled, or ſhall ſettle, in any of His MAJESTY's Colonies in *America*, with ſeveral Amendments. And Order'd the Bill with the Amendments to be engroſs'd.

January 24.

Read a firſt Time the Bill to explain and amend an Act for preventing Abuſes and Frauds in the *Woollen*, *Linnen*, *Cotton* and *Iron* Manufactures.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill to indemnify Perſons who have omitted to take the Oaths, &c.

January 25.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill for Naturalizing Foreign Proteſtants, who ſhall ſettle in *America*.

Agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill for ſecuring and encouraging our Trade to *America*, and for the encouragement of Seamen to enter into His MAJESTY's Service, with an Amendment. To which Amendment the Houſe deſired the Concurrence of their Lordſhips.

January 28.

Agreed to the Report of Friday's Reſolutions in a Committee on the Supply, *viz.*

Reſolved, That 33,429 *l.* be granted, for raiſing and maintaining 2040 Men, Officers included, to be added to the ſix Regiments of *Marines* for 1740.

That 2450 *l.* be granted for maintaining one Company of Invalids to be forthwith raiſed, and for making an Addition of twenty Men to each of the Four Companies of Invalids raiſed in *November* 1739, in all to 181 Men for 1740.

That 10347 *l.* be granted upon Account for Out-Penſioners of *Chelſea* Hoſpital for 1740.

January 29.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, for the better ſecuring the Freedom of *Parliaments*, by limiting the Number of *Officers* to ſit

ſit in the Houſe of Commons. Which after *Nine* Hours Debate, paſſed in the *Negative*, on a Diviſion, Ayes 206, Noes 222.

January 31.

Ordered the Thanks of the Houſe to be given to the Reverend Dr. *Whalley* of *Cambridge*, for the Sermon by him preached before this Houſe Yeſterday at St. *Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter*.

Read a ſecond Time a Bill to explain and amend an Act 1ſt of Q. *Anne*, for preventing Frauds and Abuſes in the working of *Woollen*, *Cotton*, *Iron*, &c. Manufactures of this Kingdom.

Ordered, That this Houſe be called over upon this Day three Weeks, the 21ſt of *February* next; and that ſuch Members as ſhall not then attend, be taken into Cuſtody.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed, to conſider how far the Privilege of this Houſe ought to be allowed to Members who are in foreign Parts during the Sitting of Parliament.

In a grand Committee went thro' the Bill for prohibiting Commerce with *Spain*, with ſeveral Amendments.

February 1.

Mr. Secretary at War preſented a Liſt of the reduced Officers of His Majeſty's *Land* Forces and *Marines*, intitled to receive Half-pay in *Great Britain*, with an Eſtimate of the Charge thereof for 1740; with their Ages, Dates of their firſt Commiſſions, and the Time they were put upon Half-pay, and the Occaſion thereof.

Received divers Petitions for *private* Bills.

Received and read a firſt time, a Bill to prevent inconveniencies which may ariſe from *naturalizing* Perſons, who ſhall not continue to reſide within His Majeſty's Dominions, after their *Naturalization*.

In a grand Committee, went thro' the Bill to Indemnify Perſons who have omitted to qualify themſelves for Offices and Employments, within the Time limited by Law, &c. with ſeveral Amendments.

It was moved that the ordinary Eſtimate of the *Navy* for 1740, be referr'd to a Committee on the Supply, which after Debate, paſſed in the *Affirmative*. On a Diviſion, Ayes 143, Noes 95.

February 4.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill to indemnify Perſons who have omitted to take the Oaths, *&c.* and ordered it to be ingroſſed.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for prohibiting Commerce with *Spain*, and ordered it to be ingroſſed.

Agreed to the Report of the Reſolutions (of *Friday* laſt) on the Supply, *viz. Reſolved*,

That 10,000 *l.* be granted towards the Support of *Greenwich-Hoſpital*.

That 4000 *l.* be granted towards the repairing and finiſhing of *Weſtminſter-Abbey*.

That 10,000 *l.* be granted towards the Maintenance of the *Britiſh* Forts in *Africa*.

February 5.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolution, in a grand Committee on Ways and Means, *viz.*

Reſolved, That towards raiſing the Supply granted to His Majeſty, the Sum of *one Million*, be iſſued and applied out of ſuch Monies, as have ariſen, or ſhall or may ariſe, of the Surpluſſes, Exceſſes, or overplus Monies, commonly called *the Sinking-Fund*. And a Bill was ordered in accordingly.

Read a third time, and paſſed the Bill for prohibiting Commerce with *Spain*.

Read a firſt time, a Bill for Regiſtring all *Seamen*, *Watermen*, *Fiſhermen*, *Lightermen*, &c. throughout His Majeſty's Dominions.

February 6.

Ordered, That a new Writ be iſſued out for electing a Knight of the Shire for the County of *Lincoln*, in the Room of Sir *Thomas Saunderſon*, now Earl of *Scarborough*.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, that an Account be laid before the Houſe, of what Ships have been contracted for to be built in Merchants Yards, or bought by the Commiſſioners of the Navy for His Majeſty's Service, from *Chriſtmas* 1738 to *Chriſtmas* 1739, and by what Authority; diſtinguiſhing the Prices of each Ship, and what has been, or is propoſed to be laid out upon any of them, to fit them for the Service for which they are intended; it paſſed in the Negative.

February 7.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolutions on the Supply, *viz.*

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That 22,880 *l.* 19 *s.* 2 *d.* be granted for defraying the Charge of General and Staff-Officers for 1740.

That 34,587 *l.* be granted for reduced Officers of His Majeſty's Land Forces and Marines for 1740.

That 4000 *l.* be granted for the further ſettling and improving the Colony of *Georgia* in *America*.

February 8.

Ordered out a new Writ for electing a Knight of the Shire for the County of *Oxford*, in room of *Henry Perrott*, Eſquire, deceas'd.

Alſo a new Writ for the Borough of *Berealſton* in the County of *Devon*, in room of Sir *Francis Henry Drake*, Bart. deceas'd.

Read a third time, and paſſed the Bill for indemnifying Perſons, who have omitted to qualify themſelves for Offices and Employments, within the Time limited by *Law*, and for allowing a further Time for that Purpoſe.

It was moved that an Act made in the 16th and 17th Year of the Reign of King *Charles* II. intitled, *An Act for regulating the Meaſures and Prices of Coals*; and alſo the ſecond Section of an Act made in the 7th and 8th Year of the Reign of K. *William* III. whereby the ſaid Act was made perpetual, might be read; and the ſame being read accordingly,

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That ſuch Gentlemen of this Houſe, who are of His Majeſty's moſt honourable Privy Council, do humbly addreſs His Majeſty, that He will be graciouſly pleaſed to cauſe Directions to be given to the Lord Mayor, and Aldermen of the City of *London*, and the Juſtices of the Peace of the two Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and within the Liberties thereof, that they do forthwith, and effectually put the *Law* in Execution for regulating the Meaſures and Prices of *Coals* *.

Ordered, That the Juſtices do ſee that the *Scavengers* keep the Paſſages through the Streets free and open from all Nuſances whatſoever, *&c.*

Ordered, That the Juſtices for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, do give Orders to the proper Officers to clear

* *Note*, This was in the Time of the *hard Froſt*, which laſted from *December* 24th, 1739. to *February* 20th, 1739-40. when the *Huckſters* had riſen Coals to 2 *s. per Buſhel.* The *Thames* was frozen over for ſeveral Weeks, and Water was ſold about the Streets, as *Milk* uſed to be, at 1 *d. per Firkin.*

the Streets of all idle and diſorderly Perſons, who daily infeſt the ſame under Pretence of asking Charity, *&c.*

Read a ſecond time, a Bill to prevent Inconveniencies which may ariſe from *naturalizing* Perſons, who ſhall not continue to reſide within His MAJESTY's Dominions.

Ordered divers Perſons in Cuſtody of the *Serjeant* at Arms for counterfeiting Members Names, by franking of Letters.

February 11.

Mr. *Comptroller* reported His MAJESTY's Anſwer to their Addreſs of *Friday*, that he would give Directions accordingly.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill to explain and amend an Act 1ſt Q. *Anne*, for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes and Frauds employed in the working up the *Woollen*, *Cotton*, *Iron*, &c. Manufactures in this Kingdom, with the Amendments; and it was ordered to be engroſſed.

Read a firſt time a Bill to reſtrain and prevent the exceſſive Increaſe of *Horſe-Races*.

February 12.

Received a Meſſage from His MAJESTY, ſignifying, That, *in further Proſecution of the juſt and neceſſary War, in which he is engaged, having under His Conſideration certain Meaſures, which will occaſion ſome extraordinary Expences not comprehended in the Eſtimates laid before this Houſe, hopes, from the known Zeal of His faithful Commons, that He ſhall be enabled to carry on the ſame in the moſt effectual Manner.*

Ordered, *Nemine contradicente*, That the ſaid Meſſage be referred to the Committee on the Supply.

February 13.

Read a third time, and paſſed the Bill for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes and Frauds of Perſons employed in the working up the *Woollen*, *Linen*, *Fuſtian*, *Cotton*, and *Iron* Manufactures of this Kingdom. Ordered it to the Lords.

Ordered, That an Account be laid before this Houſe, of what Money has been applied from *Michaelmas* 1730, to this Time, towards paying any Taxes on the Salaries of the Commiſſioners and other Officers of the Admiralty, Navy, Treaſury of the Navy, and Victualling Offices, out of what Fund, and by what Authority, diſtinguiſhing each Office, and each Year.

Ordered,

Ordered, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of what Impreſts for the Contingencies of the Admiralty, Navy, Treaſury of the Navy, and Victualling Offices are not cleared at the Navy-Office, with an Account of what Directions have been given for clearing the ſame.

February 14.

Read a firſt Time a Bill for further and more effectually preventing the wilful and malicious Deſtruction of *Collieries* and *Coal*-Works.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolutions on the Supply. *viz.*

Reſolved, That 200,000 *l.* be granted on Account, towards enabling His MAJESTY to proſecute, in the moſt effectual Manner, the War in which he is engaged.

That 9477 *l.* 13 *s.* 1 *d* ¾ be granted for defraying ſeveral extraordinary Expences and Services incurred, 1739; and not provided for by Parliament.

Received a Petition from the *Silk* Weavers, Throwſters, &c. praying that the Duty upon *China* Raw Silk, might be made equal to the Duty upon all *Italian* Raw Silk, and ſetting forth the many Advantages which would accrue to this Kingdom thereby *.

Referr'd to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

February 15.

Read a firſt Time a Bill for amending and enforcing the Laws relating to *Rogues*, *Vagabonds*, and other idle and diſorderly Perſons, and for reducing the ſame into one Act of Parliament; and alſo for amending the Laws for erecting, providing, and regulating Houſes of Correction.

Read a ſecond time the Bill to reſtrain and prevent the exceſſive Increaſe of *Horſe-Races*.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee, who were appointed to conſider how far the Privilege of this Houſe ought to be allowed to ſuch Members of this Houſe as ſhall be abſent in *Foreign* Parts during the Sitting of Parliament, be recommitted; on a Diviſion, Ayes 77, Noes 73.

February 18.

Received ſeveral Accounts from the *Navy*, *Admiralty*, and *Victualling* Offices of what Monies had been paid away for the laſt *ſeven* Years.

* The preſent Duty on the *Italian* Raw Silk, is 1 *s.* 5 *d.* and one *tenth* of a Penny *per* great Pound. And that on *China* Raw Silk, is 3 *s.* 9 *d.* and 45 of 100 parts of 1 *d. per* great Pound.

Read

Read a firſt Time a Bill for Naturalizing *Amalie Sophie de Wallmoden.*

Agreed to the Report of laſt Friday's Reſolution in a Committee on *Ways* and *Means*, *viz. Reſolved*, That towards raiſing the Supply, His MAJESTY be enabled to iſſue and apply the further Sum of 200,000*l.* out of the growing Produce of the Surpluſſes, Exceſſes, or Overplus Monies commonly called the *Sinking Fund.*

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill upon the Reſolution reported, upon the fifth *Inſtant*, that they do prepare a Clauſe or Clauſes to be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, purſuant to this Reſolution.

Read a firſt time a Bill to give further Powers to the Commiſſioners for building *Weſtminſter-Bridge*, and to enable them to raiſe a further Sum of Money towards finiſhing the ſaid Bridge; and to perform other Truſts repoſed in them.

Ordered a new Writ to be iſſued out for electing a Member for the Borough of *Devizes* in *Wilts*, in the room of Sir *Joſeph Eyles* Knight.

Read a firſt time a Bill for the more eaſy and effectual Recovery of *ſmall Debts.*

Read a firſt time a Bill to explain and amend an Act 9 Q. *Anne, for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by the further qualifying the Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons.*

Received a Petition from the Juſtices of *Weſtminſter*, ſetting forth the Inſufficiency of the Laws in being, for ſettling the Prices of *Coals*, or preventing Combinations, &c.

Received a Petition from the Juſtices of *Weſtminſter*, ſetting forth the inſufficiency of the preſent Laws in being for obliging the Scavengers to cleanſe the Streets, that they have no Power to remove the Nuſances and Obſtructions in the Street, and can proceed only by indictment, which is very dilatory and expenſive, and no Proviſion made for defraying the Charges, &c. &c. And thereupon praying Relief.

Both Petitions were *Ordered* to lie upon the Table.

February 19.

Read a firſt Time a Bill for granting to His MAJESTY the Sum of *One Million, Two hundred Thouſand Pounds*, out of the *Sinking Fund*, and the growing Produce thereof.

Read a firſt Time a Bill for the better preſervation of the *Salmon* and *Trout* Fiſheries within this Kingdom.

Agreed

Agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill for *Naturalizing* ſuch Foreign Proteſtants, as are ſettled, or ſhall ſettle in any of His MAJESTY's Colonies in *America*.

Rejected, (upon the ſecond reading) the Bill for Regiſtring all *Seamen*, *Watermen*, *Fiſhermen*, *Lightermen*, &c. &c. without Diviſion *.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Heads of a Bill for the further and better Encouragement of *Seamen* to enter voluntarily into His Majeſty's Service.

February 20.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill for granting *One Million Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds*, out of the *Sinking Fund*.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, that a new Writ be iſſued out for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Saltaſh* in *Cornwall*, in the room of *Thomas Corbet* Eſq; who hath accepted a Salary of 200 *l. per Annum* as Secretary to the Court of Aſſiſtants for the Relief of poor Widows of Sea Officers: It paſſed in the *Negative*, Ayes 132, Noes 223.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, That a Committee be appointed to enquire what new Offices or Places of Profit have been created or erected ſince the 25th of *October*, in 1705; and alſo whether there are any greater Number of Commiſſioners made or conſtituted for the Execution of ſuch reſpective Office: It paſſed in the *Negative*, Ayes 154, Noes 196.

February 21.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned to this Day *Month*.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, That His MAJESTY be addreſſed for all the Powers, Inſtructions, Memorials, Letters and Papers, relating to the *Convention* between *Great Britain* and *Spain*, concluded at the *Pardo*, *January* 14. 1739, N. S. be laid before this Houſe. After ſeveral Hours Debate it paſſed in the *Negative*, Ayes 196, Noes 247.

February 22.

Read a ſecond Time a Bill for better Preſervation of *Salmon* and *Trout* Fiſheries. Read

* By that Bill, if a *Seaman*, &c. removed from a certain *Diſtrict*, he ſhould be deem'd a *Deſerter*, and be puniſh'd accordingly.

Read a ſecond Time a Bill for Naturalizing Madam *Wallmoden*.

February 25.

Read a firſt Time a Bill for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill for Naturalizing *Amalie Sophie de Wallmoden*.

Read a ſecond Time a Bill for the further and more effectually preventing the wilful and malicious Deſtruction of *Collieries* and *Coal* Works.

Read a ſecond Time a Bill for amending and enforcing the Laws relating to *Rogues*, *Vagabonds*, and other idle and diſorderly Perſons, and for reducing the ſame into one Act of Parliament.

Read a ſecond Time a Bill for the more eaſy and effectual Recovery of *ſmall Debts*.

February 26.

Read a firſt Time a Bill for making more effectual the Laws now in being, for diſabling Perſons from being choſen Members of, or ſitting or Voting in the Houſe of Commons, who have any Penſion during Pleaſure, &c.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolution on the Supply, *viz.* *Reſolved*, That 199,704*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.* be granted for the Ordinary of the Navy (including Half-Pay to Sea Officers) for 1740.

It was moved, and the Queſtion being put, That to apply towards defraying the ordinary Charges of the *Navy*, or to any Head contain'd in the ordinary Eſtimate thereof, any Sum of publick Money, exceeding the Sum granted by Parliament for that purpoſe, is a Miſapplication, and ought to be prevented; it paſſed in the *Negative*.

February 27.

Read a ſecond time the *Mutiny*-Bill.

Alſo a ſecond time the Bill to grant further Powers to the Commiſſioners of *Weſtminſter-Bridge*, &c.

February 28.

Received His MAJESTY's Anſwer to their Addreſs, that he would give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Eſtimate of what may be neceſſary for the Rebuildings and Repairs of His MAJESTY's Ships for 1740.

February 29.

Received the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire what Laws are expired or near expiring, &c.

Read

Read a ſecond Time a Bill for making more effectual the Laws now in being, for diſabling Perſons from being choſen Members of, or Sitting or Voting in the Houſe of Commons, who have any Penſion during Pleaſure, &c.

Read a ſecond Time a Bill for explaining and amending an Act 9 Q. *Anne, for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by the farther qualifying the Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons.*

In a grand Committee went thro' the Bill for puniſhing *Mutiny* and *Deſertion.*

March 3.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to conſider of *Heads* for a Bill for the further and better Encouragement of Seamen to enter *voluntarily* into His MAJESTY's Service. And Reſolved, that a *Voluntary* Regiſter of *Seamen* will be of great *Utility* to this Kingdom.

March 4.

In a grand Committee went thro' the Bill for diſabling Perſons, who have any Penſion during Pleaſure, &c. from Sitting or Voting in the Houſe of Commons.

Agreed to the Report of the *Mutiny*-Bill, and ordered it to be engroſſed.

Deferr'd going into a Committee on the Bill for the better preſervation of *Salmon* and *Trout* Fiſheries, till this day *ſix* Weeks.

March 5.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for Diſabling Perſons from Sitting or Voting in the Houſe of Commons, who have any Penſion during Pleaſure, &c. and ordered it, with the Amendments, to be engroſſed.

Ordered an humble Addreſs to His MAJESTY for a Copy of the Memorial and Petition of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of *London*, preſented to His MAJESTY upon the Order they received for ſettling the Price of *Coals*, &c.

March 6.

Ordered a new Writ to be iſſued out, for electing a Member to ſerve in Parliament for the Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, in the room of the Right Honourable *Hugh Hume Campbell* Eſq; commonly called Lord *Polwarth*, now Earl of *Marchmont*, a Peer of *Great Britain.*

The Houſe received a Meſſage ſigned by His MAJESTY, ſignifying, that, *His* MAJESTY *having received Propoſals for a Marriage between the Princeſs* Mary *and Prince*

Frederic *of* Heſſe, Son *of Prince* William *Landgrave of* Heſſe, *Brother to the King of* Sweden, *has been pleaſed favourably to accept and agree to the ſame, and has thought proper to communicate his Intentions to this Houſe; and as His* MAJESTY *can make no Doubt, but that this Alliance with ſo conſiderable a Proteſtant Family, will be to the general Satisfaction of all his good Subjects, he promiſes himſelf the Concurrence and Aſſiſtance of this Houſe, in enabling him to give ſuch a Portion to his Daughter, as may be ſuitable to the Honour and Dignity of his Crown and Family.*

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His MAJESTY, to return him thanks, for communicating the intended Marriage to this Houſe, and to aſſure His MAJESTY that they will enter into the immediate Conſideration of this important Affair, in ſuch a Manner, as ſhall demonſtrate the Zeal, Duty and Affection of this Houſe to his MAJESTY, and a juſt Regard to the Honour and Dignity of his Royal Family.

And the ſaid Meſſage was referred to the Committee on the Supply.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill for puniſhing *Mutiny* and *Deſertion*, &c.

In a grand Committee went thro' the Bill to prevent the exceſſive increaſe of *Horſe-Races*, with ſeveral Amendments.

March 7.

Received the Report of His MAJESTY's Anſwer to their Addreſs of Thanks, for his moſt gracious Communication of the intended Marriage, &c. *viz.* GENTLEMEN, *I give you my Thanks for this dutiful and affectionate Addreſs, and look upon it as a further Inſtance of the Perſonal Regard you have ever ſhewn to Me and My Family.*

Reported the Bill to reſtrain and prevent the exceſſive increaſe of *Horſe-Races*, and *Ordered* it to be engroſſed, on a Diviſion, Ayes 47, Noes 25.

March 10.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for amending and enforcing the Laws relating to *Rogues, Vagabonds*, &c. with ſeveral Amendments, and Ordered it to be engroſſed.

Agreed to the Report of laſt *Friday*'s Reſolution, in a Committee on the *Supply, viz. Reſolved*, that the Sum of *Forty Thouſand Pounds* be granted to His MAJESTY for the *Marriage Portion* of the Princeſs *Mary*, one of His MAJESTY's Daughters.

Read

Read a firſt Time a Bill for remedying ſome Defects in an Act 43 of *Q. Elizabeth for the Relief of the Poor*; and in one other Act 9 *K. George* I. *for amending the Laws relating to the Settlement, Employment and Relief of the Poor*; and for making the ſaid Acts more effectual.

Read a firſt Time a Bill to continue ſeveral Laws therein mentioned, for puniſhing ſuch Perſons as ſhall wilfully and maliciouſly pull down or deſtroy *Turnpikes* for repairing *Highways*, or *Locks*, erected by Authority of Parliament; for making *Rivers* navigable, &c. for preventing *frivolous* and *vexatious* Arreſts; and for better ſecuring the Lawful Trade of His MAJESTY's Subjects to and from the *Eaſt Indies*, and for preventing their trading under foreign Commiſſions; for limiting the Time for ſuing forth Writs of *Certiorari* upon Proceedings before Juſtices of the Peace, &c. for the better and more ſpeedy Execution of Proceſs within particular *Franchiſes* or Liberties; and for extending the Powers and Authorities of Juſtices of the Peace of Counties, touching County Rates, to the Juſtices as have Commiſſions of Peace within themſelves.

March 11.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill for making more effectual the Laws now in being, for diſabling Perſons from being choſen Members of, or Sitting or Voting in the Houſe of Commons, who have any Penſion during Pleaſure, or for any Number of Years, or any Offices held in Truſt for them.

Paſſed alſo an engroſſed Bill to reſtrain and prevent the exceſſive increaſe of *Horſe-Races*, and for amending an Act paſſed laſt Seſſion, *for the more effectual preventing exceſſive and deceitful Gaming*.

Paſſed alſo a Bill for the more effectual improving the Navigation of the River *Dun*, in the County of *York*.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolutions on Ways and Means, *viz. Reſolved*, that 21000 *l.* 1 *s.* 8 *d.* $\frac{1}{2}$. be iſſued and applied towards raiſing the Supply, being the remainder in the *Exchequer* of Money ariſing by Sale of Lands in *St. Chriſtophers*.

March 12.

Read a firſt Time a Bill for providing a *Marriage Portion* for the Princeſs *Mary*.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill for the further and more effectually preventing the wilful and malicious Deſtruction of *Collieries* and *Coal Works*.

In a grand Committee went thro' the Bill for granting to His MAJESTY *One Million, Two hundred Thouſand Pounds* out of the *Sinking* Fund, and the growing Produce thereof.

March 13.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill for providing a Marriage-Portion for the Princeſs *Mary*.

Read a firſt Time a Bill to prevent Colluſive Qualifications of Perſons to Vote as Freeholders at Elections.

Agreed to the Report of the *Sinking-Fund*-Bill, and Ordered it to be Engroſſed.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill for amending and enforcing the Laws relating to *Rogues, Vagabonds*, and other idle and diſorderly Perſons, and for reducing the ſame into one Act of Parliament.

In a grand Committee went thro' the Bill for granting further Powers to the Commiſſioners of *Weſtminſter-Bridge*, &c.

March 14.

Read a ſecond Time a Bill for puniſhing ſuch Perſons as ſhall wilfully pull down or deſtroy Turnpikes, &c. &c. &c.

In a grand Committee went thro' the Bill for providing a Marriage-Portion for the Princeſs *Mary* with Amendments.

Read a firſt Time a Bill for the Increaſe of *Mariners* and *Seamen* to navigate Merchant Ships, and other Trading Ships or Veſſels.

March 17.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for providing a *Marriage* Portion for the Princeſs *Mary*.

Read a ſecond Time a Bill for remedying ſome Defects in an Act 43 of Q. *Elizabeth, for Relief of the Poor*, and in one other Act 9 K. *George* I. *for amending the Laws relating to the Settlement, Employment, and Relief of the Poor*, and for making them more effectual.

Reſolved, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they receive a Clauſe to direct the Inhabitants of every Townſhip, Village or Place, who have been rated, and have paid towards the Relief of the Poor the Year preceding, to elect annually double the Number of Perſons they ſhall judge neceſſary to be appointed Overſeers of the Poor for ſuch Pariſh, &c. and to return their Names to the Juſtices of the Peace, &c. to nominate and appoint one

one half of the Perſons ſo returned to them, to ſerve as Overſeers of the Poor for each Pariſh, &c.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for granting further Powers to the Commiſſioners of *Weſtminſter-Bridge*, &c.

Received a Meſſage from the Lords, that they had agreed upon an Addreſs to His MAJESTY, to which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The ſaid Addreſs was read, and with an Amendment agreed to by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente*; and the Blank therein was filled up with the Word *Commons*. Then the ſaid Addreſs was ordered back to the Lords. And about half an hour after, a Meſſage was ſent from the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, that the Lords have agreed to the ſaid Amendment.

Went into a grand Committee on the Bill to explain and amend an Act 9 Q. *Anne*, *for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments by the farther qualifying Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons*. And dropt the ſame *ſine Die*.

March 18.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill for granting 40,000*l*. Portion to the Princeſs *Mary*.

Read a ſecond Time a Bill for the better and more eaſy collecting of Charity Money upon Briefs.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill to prevent *colluſive* Qualifications of Perſons to vote as Freeholders at Elections.

Then both Houſes went with the following Addreſs to His MAJESTY, *viz.*

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your MAJESTY's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the LORDS SPIRITUAL and TEMPORAL, and COMMONS, in Parliament aſſembled, do congratulate your MAJESTY on the Glorious Succeſs of your MAJESTY's Arms in the *Weſt-Indies*, under the Command of Vice-Admiral VERNON, by entering the Port, and taking the Town of *Porto-Bello*, and demoliſhing and levelling all the Forts and Caſtles belonging thereto, *with ſix Ships of War only* *.

This

* This Addreſs was ſent down by the *Lords* to the *Commons*, without thoſe *ſix Words*. And Mr. *Pulteney* moved for and inſiſted upon that *Amendment*, becauſe Admiral *Vernon* had declared when he ſat in that Houſe in the preceding Parliament, that He would engage to take *Porto Bello* with *ſix* Men of War only. And that as he had been as good as his Word, they could not do him too much Honour, &c. After ſome Debate, the Amendment was agreed to, on a Diviſion, Ayes 34, Noes 31.

This Enterprize, ſo wiſely concerted, and ſo bravely conducted, cannot fail of giving the utmoſt Joy to all your MAJESTY's faithful Subjects, ſince it affords the moſt reaſonable Hopes and Expectations, that, by the Bleſſing of God upon your MAJESTY's Councils and Arms, it may be attended with other important Advantages, and highly contribute to the obtaining real and effectual Security of thoſe juſt Rights of Navigation and Commerce, belonging to your MAJESTY's Subjects, for the Preſervation of which your MAJESTY entred into this neceſſary War.

To which His MAJESTY anſwered: *My Lords and Gentlemen, I thank you for your dutiful Congratulations on this Succeſs, which is ſo much for the Honour and Intereſt of My Crown and Kingdoms. The Satisfaction you expreſs in the Meaſures I have taken, is very agreeable to Me.*

March 19.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill to continue ſeveral Laws therein mentioned; for puniſhing ſuch Perſons as ſhall wilfully deſtroy Turnpikes, &c. &c.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill for the Increaſe of *Mariners* and *Seamen* to navigate Merchant Ships, and other trading Ships or Veſſels.

Read a firſt Time a Bill for qualifying Perſons acting as Truſtees for reparing the Highways, &c.

Mr. *Speaker* reported, that the Houſe had attended His MAJESTY in the Houſe of Peers; where His MAJESTY was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to

An Act for providing a Marriage Portion for the Princeſs Mary.

An Act for the more effectual ſecuring and encouraging the Trade of His MAJETY's Britiſh *Subjects to* America, &c.

An Act for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, &c.

An Act to explain and amend an Act 1 *of* Q. Anne, *for the more effectual preventing of Abuſes and Frauds of Perſons employed in the Working up the* Woollen, Linnen, Fuſtian, Cotton *and* Iron *Manufactures of this Kingdom; and for extending the ſaid Act to the Manufactures of* Leather.

An Act to indemnify Perſons who have omitted to qualify themſelves for Offices and Employments within the Time limited by Law, &c.

An Act for repairing Hockliffe *Road.*

An Act for improving the Navigation of the River Dun.

An Act for Naturalizing Amelia Sophie de Walmoden.

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An Act for Naturalizing ſuch foreign Proteſtants, &c. as are ſettled, or ſhall ſettle in any of His MAJESTY's *Colonies in* America. And to 8 other Acts.

March 20.

In a grand Committee went thro' the Bill to prevent *colluſive* Qualifications of Perſons to vote as Freeholders at Elections, &c. with ſeveral Amendments.

The Houſe, according to Order, took into Conſideration the Liſts of the *Protections* and written Certificates entred in the ſeveral Offices of *London* and *Middleſex*, &c. And ſeveral of the ſaid Returns were read. And the ſtanding Order of the Houſe, made the 31 *January* 1718. 'That 'all Protections and written Certificates of the Members 'of this Houſe be declared Void in Law, and be forthwith 'withdrawn and called in, and that none be granted for 'the future; and that, if any ſhall be granted by any Mem-'ber, ſuch Member ſhall make Satisfaction to the Party 'injured, and ſhall be liable to the Cenſure of this Houſe.'

Ordered, Nemine Contradicente, That the ſaid ſtanding Order be forthwith reprinted and publiſhed, &c.

March 21.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill to prevent *colluſive* Qualifications of Perſons to Vote as Freeholders at Elections, &c.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill to continue ſeveral Laws therein mention'd, &c.

Mr. *Alderman Willimott* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were appointed to conſider of Methods, for the better accommodating the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter* with *Coals*, the following Reſolution: *viz. Reſolved*,

That it appears to this Committee, that the high Duties of 3 *s.* 4 *d per* Cuſtomary Ton, to be paid to the Proprietors of the Navigation of the River *Dun*, for *Coals* coming down that River, in order to be ſhipped for Sea, has been one great Impediment to *Coals* coming down that River, and the Cauſe of the Duties having produced nothing.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, do lay before this Houſe, a Liſt of ſuch of His MAJESTY's Ships of War, as have been employed as Cruiſers, for the Protection of the Trade of this Kingdom on this ſide *Cape Finiſterre*, ſince the 10th of *July* laſt, diſtinguiſhing the Time each Ship was ordered to remain, and the time ſuch Ship did actually remain on

ſuch Cruiſe, together with the Reaſons of her returning to any Port of this Kingdom: After ſome Debate, it paſſed in the Negative, on a Diviſion, Ayes 97, Noes 145.

March 24.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill to give further Powers to the Commiſſioners for building *Weſtminſter-Bridge*, and to enable them to raiſe a further Sum of Money towards finiſhing the ſaid Bridge, and to perform other Truſts repoſed in them.

Paſſed alſo the Bill for granting to His MAJESTY, one Million, Two hundred Thouſand Pounds out of the *Sinking Fund*, and the growing Produce thereof; and for granting the Sum of 21000*l.* remaining in the Receipt of His MAJESTY's Exchequer, ariſen by Sale of Lands in the Iſland of *St. Kits*; and for the further appropriating the Supplies granted in this Seſſion of Parliament.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His MAJESTY, that he would be pleaſed to direct, that over and above the Ships of War, he ſhall think fit to employ againſt the Enemy, ſuch a Number of Ships may be appointed to cruiſe in proper ſtations for the effectual Security and Protection of our Trade, as ſhall be conſiſtent with the Defence and Protection of His MAJESTY's Dominions, and the ſafe convoying the Trading Ships of this Nation to and from foreign Parts.

March 25.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill for more effectual preventing fraudulent Qualifications of Perſons to Vote as Freeholders at Elections, &c.

Received the Report of his MAJESTY's Anſwer to their Addreſs of Yeſterday, *viz.* *All poſſible care has been taken in carrying on the War againſt* Spain *in the moſt proper and effectual manner, and at the ſame time for protecting the Trade of my Subjects; and you may be aſſured, that the ſame care ſhall be continued.*

The Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill for prohibiting Commerce with *Spain*, were taken into Conſideration, ſome of which were agreed to, and others diſagreed to. And a Committee was appointed to draw up Reaſons to be offer'd to the Lords, at a Conference, why ſome of the Amendments were diſagreed to.

In a grand Committee went thro' the Bill for the Increaſe of *Mariners* and *Seamen*, &c. with Amendments.

March

March 26.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for the Increaſe of *Mariners* and *Seamen*, and ordered it to be engroſſed.

March 27.

Agreed to the Report of the ſeveral Reſolutions in a Committee on Ways and Means relating to the Encouragement of the *Greenland* and *Whale* Fiſhery. And ordered in a Bill accordingly.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill for Increaſe of *Mariners* and *Seamen*, to navigate Merchant-Ships, and other Trading Ships or Veſſels.

A Meſſage was ſent to the Lords to deſire a Conference upon the Amendments made to the Bill for prohibiting Commerce with *Spain*, and their Lordſhips agreed to the ſame, and appointed to-morrow at two o' Clock.

March 28.

Read a firſt Time a Bill for *Relief of Debtors*, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.

Mr. *Walpole* reported that the Managers had been at the Conference with the Lords, and deliver'd the Reaſons for diſagreeing to ſome of the Amendments made to the Bill for prohibiting Commerce with *Spain:* And had left the Bill and Amendments with their Lordſhips.

Received divers Accounts from the Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations in purſuance of two Addreſſes to His MAJESTY on the 13th of *June* 1739, (concerning the Paper Currency, and the Rates of Gold and Silver in *America*, from 1700 to this preſent Year) together with the Return ſent to the ſaid Commiſſioners from the reſpective Governors of His MAJESTY's Plantations thereupon, and together with a Liſt of the ſaid Returns.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will upon this Day Month, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for remedying ſome Defects in an Act 43 Q. *Elizabeth* and in one other Act 9 K. *George* I. *for Relief of the Poor*.

A Petition of divers Merchants, Exporters of the *Woollen* and *Britiſh* Manufactures and Fiſheries, &c. was read; ſetting forth the great Loſſes which they ſuſtain by the laying on a *General Embargo*, &c. and praying Relief.

A Motion was made and the Queſtion put, That the ſaid Petition be referr'd to the Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe, and that the Petitioners, if they think

fit, be heard by themſelves, &c. it paſſed in the *Negative*. On a Diviſion, Ayes 95, Noes 166.

March 31.

Read a firſt Time a Bill to impower the Court of Aldermen to fix a Price on *Coals*.

Read a firſt Time a Bill for better preſervation of His MAJESTY's Woods in *America*, &c.

April 1.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to conſider of an Act made the laſt Seſſion, *for taking off the Duties upon* Woollen *and* Bay-Yarn, *imported from* Ireland *to* England, *and for the more effectual preventing the Exportation of* Wool *from* Great Britain *and* Ireland *to foreign Parts*. Moved that the ſaid Act be repeal'd, which after Debate was rejected.

April 2.

Read a ſecond Time a Bill for better preſervation of His MAJESTY's Woods in *America*, &c.

April 3.

Read a ſecond Time and Committed a Bill for reducing an Act 2 of K. *George* II. and an Act 3 K. *George* II. *for Relief of Debtors, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons, into one Act*, and for explaining and amending the ſaid Acts.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for the Relief of ſuch Perſons being Debtors, who were actually beyond the *Seas* on the firſt of *January* 1736, and who by unavoidable Accidents were deprived of taking the Benefit of an Act 10 K. *George* II. *for Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill to impower the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, to ſet the Price upon all *Coals* imported into *London*.

In a grand Committee went thro' the Bill for the better and more eaſy Collecting of *Charity*-Money on *Briefs*, and ordered the Report on the 11th Inſtant; on a Diviſion, Ayes 46, Noes 21. Adjourn'd to the 10th Inſtant.

April 10.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His MAJESTY, that he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, that there may be laid before this Houſe, Copies of the Inſtructions to the ſeveral Governors of the *Britiſh* Plantations in *America*, whereby they are directed to obſerve and put in Execution an Act 6 Q. *Anne*, *for aſcer-*

taining the Rates of the foreign Coins in America; and alſo relating to their not giving their Aſſent to any Acts of Aſſembly for the ſtriking and iſſuing any Paper-Bills of Credit in lieu of Money; and likewiſe relating to the paſſing any Bill, or Bills, whereby the Trade or Navigation of this Kingdom may be any ways affected.

April 11.

In a grand Committee went thro' the Bill for better preſervation of his MAJESTY's Woods in *America*, and for the Encouragement of the Importation of Naval Stores from thence, and for granting a further Bounty upon all Ships employ'd in the *Whale-Fiſhery*.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for the more eaſy collecting of *Charity*-Money on *Briefs*. Ordered it to be engroſſed.

April 14.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for better preſervation of His MAJESTY's Woods in *America*, &c. Ordered it to be engroſſed.

April 15.

Paſſed the Bill for continuing ſeveral Laws therein mentioned relating to the Premiums upon the Importation of *Maſts*, *Yards* and *Bowſprits*, *Tar*, &c. and for granting a further Bounty upon all Ships employed in the *Whale-Fiſhery*.

Received an Account of the Riſe and Progreſs of the Paper-Bills of Credit in *South Carolina* from 1700 to this preſent time, together with the Computed Value in Money of *Great Britain* at the Times of creating and iſſuing the ſame, &c. And ſeveral other Accounts relating thereto.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for confirming and enlarging the Powers granted to the Governors and Guardians of the Hoſpital for the Maintenance of expoſed and deſerted young Children, by His MAJESTY's Charter, bearing Date the 17th of *October* 1739, and to enable them to execute the good Purpoſes of the ſaid Charter, with the Amendments.

April 16.

Paſſed the Bill for enlarging the Powers of the Governors of the Hoſpital for expoſed and deſerted young Children, with the Amendments; and ordered it to the Lords.

Received five Petitions praying to be heard by themſelves or Counſel, againſt the Bill for ſettling the Prices of *Coals*, and Leave was given accordingly.

Read a ſecond Time a Bill for the publick Regiſtring of *Deeds*, *Conveyances*, &c. and Committed it, on a Diviſion, Ayes 62, Noes 40.

April 17.

Agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill for enforcing the Laws relating to *Rogues*, *Vagabonds*, and other idle and diſorderly Perſons, and for reducing the ſame into one Act of Parliament.

Took into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill for prohibiting Commerce with *Spain*, and diſagreed to one Amendment.

Ordered that Mr. *Secretary at War* do go to the Lords, and deſire a free Conference thereupon.

April 18.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill for the more eaſy collecting of *Charity-Money* on *Briefs*. On a Diviſion, Ayes 85, Noes 76.

In a Committee made a Progreſs on the Bill for ſettling the Prices of *Coals*, and to proceed on Monday; Ayes 45, Noes 38.

April 21.

Read a ſecond Time a Bill to obviate certain Doubts, how far Perſons acting under certain Charters from the Crown, or other Powers, are obliged to qualify themſelves, by taking and ſubſcribing the ſeveral Oaths and Teſts eſtabliſhed by the ſeveral Statutes now in force for thoſe Purpoſes.

In a grand Committee, made a Progreſs on the Bill for publick Regiſtring of *Deeds*, Conveyances, &c. when it was moved that all ſuch Writings ſhould be regiſtred with the Clerks of the Peace in each *County*, which paſſed in the *Negative*, on a Diviſion, Ayes 91, Noes 122, to proceed to-morrow.

April 22.

The Managers went to hold a free Conference with the Lords on the Bill for prohibiting Commerce with *Spain*, and having waited there, three quarters of an hour, and the Lords not coming to the ſaid free Conference, the Managers thought it their Duty to ſtay no longer.

The Houſe thereupon adjourn'd itſelf in ſome diſguſt, without taking any Notice of the Orders of the Day, which were accordingly dropt, but were revived the next.

April

April 23.

The Managers went to a free Conference with the Lords, and being returned, the ſame was reported to the Houſe.

April 24.

In a Committee, took into Conſideration the ſeveral Papers relating to the Paper Currency, and the Rates of *Gold* and *Silver* in *America*, from 1700 to this Time. And came to ſeveral Reſolutions on the ſame.

In a Committee went thro' the Bill to impower the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen to ſet the Price of *Sea-Coals* imported into *London*.

April 25.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill to impower the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London*, to ſet the Price of *Sea-Coals* imported, &c. And ordered it to be ingroſſed.

Ordered ſeveral Addreſſes to be preſented to His Majeſty concerning the Paper Currency in *America*.

Went into a Committee on the Bill for obviating certain Doubts concerning Perſons taking the Oaths. Moved that the Chairman do leave the Chair, which after Debate paſſed in the *Affirmative*; on a Diviſion, Ayes 79, Noes 61.

The Bill for public Regiſtring of *Deeds*, *Conveyances*, &c. was dropt by Agreement.

April 28.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill to impower the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to ſet the Price upon all *Coals* imported into *London*, and ordered it to the Lords; on a Diviſion, Ayes 56, Noes 32.

April 29.

His MAJESTY came to the Houſe of Peers, and gave the *Royal Aſſent* to the following public Bills, *viz.*

An Act for granting *One Million two hundred thouſand Pounds*, out of the *Sinking-Fund*, and growing Produce thereof. And for granting the Sum of *Twenty one thouſand Pounds one Shilling and eight Pence half-penny*, remaining in the *Exchequer*, ariſen by Sale of Lands in *St. Chriſtopher's*.

An Act for continuing the ſeveral Laws therein mentioned relating to the *Premiums* upon the Importation of *Maſts*, *Yards* and *Bowſprits*, *Tar*, *Pitch* and *Turpentine*; to *Britiſh*-made *Sail-Cloth*, to the *Greenland* and *Whale Fiſhery*:

Fiſhery: For granting a farther Bounty for all Ships employed in the *Whale Fiſhery* during the preſent War, &c. &c.

An Act for prohibiting Commerce with *Spain.*

An Act for enforcing the Laws againſt *Rogues, Vagabonds,* &c. and for reducing the ſame into one Act of Parliament.

An Act to reſtrain the exceſſive Increaſe of *Horſe-Races*; and for amending an Act for preventing of exceſſive and deceitful *Gaming.*

An Act for preventing the malicious Deſtruction of *Collieries* and *Coal-Works.*

An Act to continue ſeveral Laws therein mentioned, *&c. &c.*

An Act for the Increaſe of *Mariners* and *Seamen* to navigate *Merchant* Ships.

An Act to prevent fraudulent Qualifications of Perſons to vote as *Freeholders* at Elections.

An Act for confirming and enlarging the Powers of the *Governors* and *Guardians* of the *Foundling* Hoſpital.

An Act. to grant further Powers to the Commiſſioners of *Weſtminſter* Bridge.

And to *Six* other public, and *Eleven* private *Acts.*

After which His MAJESTY was pleaſed to make a moſt gracious Speech from the Throne, ſignifying, That the Zeal which they had hitherto ſhewn for the Support and Proſecution of the juſt and neceſſary War, in which he was engaged, was a freſh Proof of their Concern for the Honour and Intereſt of His Crown and Kingdoms. He thanked them for the effectual Supplies, which they had granted Him for the Service of the current Year: And aſſured them, that they ſhould be duly employed to the Purpoſes for which they were given. He again recommended Union amongſt ourſelves, as being highly conducive to the carrying on this great Work with Honour and Advantage, and to the more ſpeedy obtaining of all poſſible Juſtice and Satisfaction from the Crown of *Spain,* for the many grievous Injuries ſuffered by His Subjects; and effectual Security for the Freedom of our Commerce and Navigation for the future, *&c.*

November 18. 1740.

THIS Day His Majeſty came to the Houſe of Peers in his uſual State, and opened the Seſſion with a moſt gracious Speech from the Throne, acquainting His Parliament, That ſtrong Squadrons were got ready, and ordered to ſail upon important Services, both in the *Weſt Indies* and *Europe*, with as much Expedition as the Nature of thoſe Services, and the Manning of the Ships would admit: That a very conſiderable Body of Land-Forces was embarked, which is to be joined by a great Number of His Subjects raiſed in *America*. And all Things neceſſary for tranſporting the Troops from hence, and carrying on the deſigned Expedition, were a long time in Readineſs, and waited only for an Opportunity to purſue the intended Voyage. That the ſeveral Incidents, which have happened in the mean time, have had no Effect upon Him, but to confirm Him in His Reſolutions, and to determine Him to add Strength to His Armaments, *&c.* That the Court of *Spain* having already felt ſome Effects of our Reſentment, began to be ſenſible, that they ſhould be no longer able, alone, to defend themſelves againſt the Efforts of the *Britiſh* Nation. And, if any other Power, agreeable to ſome late extraordinary Proceedings, ſhould interpoſe, and attempt to preſcribe or limit the Operations of War againſt His declared Enemies, the Honour and Intereſt of His Crown and Kingdoms muſt call upon us to loſe no Time, in putting ourſelves into ſuch a Condition, as may enable us to repel any Inſults, and to fruſtrate any Deſigns formed againſt us, *&c.* That the Death of the late *Emperor*, opens a new Scene in the Affairs of *Europe*. And that it was impoſſible to determine what Turn the Policy, Intereſt, or Ambition of the ſeveral Courts may lead them to take in this critical Conjuncture. That it ſhall be His Care to obſerve their Motions, and to adhere to the Engagements He is under, to maintain the Balance of Power, and the Liberties of *Europe*, *&c.* That He had ordered Eſtimates for the Service of the enſuing Year to be prepared,

pared, and laid before them. That ſome Augmentations will be neceſſary, not only for carrying on the preſent War with Vigour, but alſo to put ourſelves in a Condition of being prepared for ſuch Events, as may ariſe in this uncertain State of *Europe*, &c. That the Scarcity of *Corn*, which has happened in many Countries, had induced ſeveral Powers to make extraordinary Proviſions, to obviate the ill Effects of that Misfortune: That though in many Parts of this Kingdom, the Harveſt has proved more favourable, yet common Prudence calls upon us to provide againſt the Approach of ſuch a Calamity. HE therefore earneſtly recommended it to them, to conſider of ſome good Law, to prevent this growing Miſchief. HE alſo recommended to them, a Bill for the more ſpeedy Manning the Fleet in time of War, &c. Whereupon the Commons *reſolved*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His Majeſty, to congratulate Him on His ſafe Return to theſe His regal Dominions, &c. And to aſſure His Majeſty, that this Houſe will ſtand by and ſupport Him, againſt all Attempts made in Violation of the Faith of Treaties, &c. And a Committee was appointed to draw up an Addreſs agreeable thereto, &c.

It was moved, humbly to addreſs His Majeſty, That he would be pleaſed to order an Account to be laid before them, in what Manner the Sums granted laſt Seſſion for the Service of the preſent Year, had been diſpoſed of, which after Debate, paſſed in the Negative; Ayes 157, Noes 226 *.

November 19.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will receive no Petition for private Bills after the 21ſt Day of *January* next.

Ordered, That the Houſe be called over on the fourth of *December*.

November 20.

The Houſe went in a Body to addreſs His Majeſty.

November 21.

Mr. Speaker reported His Majeſty's Anſwer to their Addreſs of Yeſterday.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill to prohibit for a limited Time the Exportation of *Corn*, and other Proviſions out of *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, and His Majeſty's Plantations in *America*.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill be printed, which paſſed in the Negative.

November

* This Motion was then rejected as irregular; but afterwards an Addreſs of the ſame Nature was preſented to His Majeſty.

November 24.

Received the Report of laſt *Friday*'s Reſolution. And reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, that a Supply be granted to His Majeſty.

Ordered an Eſtimate of the Ordinary of the Navy, Guards, Garriſons, Land-Forces, *&c.* to be laid before them.

Ordered, That the Bill to prohibit the Exportation of *Corn*, &c. be read a ſecond Time to-morrow; on a Diviſion, Ayes 84, Noes 58.

Ordered an Account how the Monies granted laſt Seſſion have been diſpoſed of, to be laid before them.

November 25.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to Vice-Admiral *Vernon*, for the Services he has done to his King and Country in the *Weſt Indies*.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That His Majeſty be addreſſed to order an Embargo to be forthwith laid upon all Ships laden with *Corn*, *Grain*, *Starch*, *Rice*, *Beef*, *Pork*, and other Proviſions, to be exported to foreign Parts.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill to prohibit the Exportation of *Corn*, *&c.* And after Debate committed it for this Day ſe'en-night.

Received a Petition of *Richard Partridge*, Agent for *Penſylvania*, and alſo Agent for *New Jerſey*, againſt the *Corn* Bill; which was referred to the ſaid Committee.

November 26.

Received a Petition of the Merchants of *London*, againſt the Bill for prohibiting the Exportation of *Corn*, *&c.* Referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the proper Officer do lay before this Houſe, a Liſt of the *Navy*, as it ſtood on the 29th of *September*, 1737. With an Account of how many have been loſt, decayed or rebuilt, and what remain.

Alſo a Liſt of the *Navy* as it ſtood on the 18th Inſtant.

Alſo an Account of what Ships have been employed from *June* 1ſt, 1739. to *November* 1ſt, 1740. as Cruiſers or Convoys, with their Continuance thereon, and the Succeſs they have met with, diſtinguiſhing each Ship taken or retaken from the Enemy.

Reſolved to addreſs His Majeſty for Copies of all Applications which have been made to the Admiralty, *&c.* for Cruiſers to be appointed for Protection of our Trade.

Reſolved to addreſs His Majeſty for an Account of all Orders given ſince *February* 1ſt, 1737. relating to the fitting out, and ſailing of any of His Majeſty's Squadrons, with the Dates of ſuch Orders, *&c.*

Ordered an Account of all Orders given for raiſing and embarking Land Forces and Marines for the Lord *Cathcart*'s Expedition to *America*, &c. to be laid before them.

Reſolved, That His Majeſty be addreſſed for Copies of all Letters relating to a Supply of Ships, Men, Stores, Ammunition, *&c.* written to, or received from Vice-Admiral *Vernon*, by either of the Secretaries of State, the Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, or the Navy. As alſo for an Account of what Stores, Ammunition, *&c.* were contracted for, and ſent to the ſaid Admiral at *Jamaica*.

Reſolved, That His Majeſty be addreſſed for Copies of all Letters that have been written, or Repreſentations made to the Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, relating to Stores, Proviſions, *&c.* for the Uſe of the Fleet lately under the Command of Sir *John Norris*.

Ordered, That Copies of the monthly Returns of *Seamen*, with the Number of the Sick, what died, or deſerted, and what cured ſince 10th *July*, 1739. be laid before them.

Ordered an Account to be laid before them, of what Stores, Ammunition, Proviſions, *&c.* were ſent with, or have been ſent to Rear-Admiral *Haddock*. And alſo Copies of all Letters, as relate to a Supply of Ships, Men, Stores, *&c.* written to, or received from Rear-Admiral *Haddock*, &c.

November 27.

Reſolved, That His Majeſty be addreſſed for Copies of all Papers relating to the opening of a Trade through *Ruſſia* to *Perſia*, &c.

Received the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolution on the Supply, *viz. Reſolved*, That 40,000 Men be employed for *Sea* Service for 1741. And that *four Pounds per* Man *per* Month be allowed for maintaining them, including the Ordnance for *Sea* Service. And agreed to the ſame.

November 28.

In a grand Committee on Ways and Means, reſolved, That 4 *s.* in the Pound be granted to His Majeſty, upon Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Penſions, Offices, and perſonal Eſtates in *England*, *Wales*, and the Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, for the Service of the Year 1741.

December

December 1.

Agreed to the Report of the above Reſolution; and ordered in a Bill accordingly.

Received ſeveral Petitions from the Agents of *America*, and *South Carolina*, againſt the *Corn* Bill.

December 2.

Read a firſt Time the *Land-Tax* Bill.

Ordered, That *William Cooley* having confeſſed himſelf to be Author and Publiſher of a malicious and ſcandalous Libel, intitled, *Conſiderations upon the Embargo on Proviſion of Victual*, be for his ſaid Offence committed to *Newgate*.

December 3.

Read a ſecond Time, and committed the *Land-Tax* Bill. Then proceeded to take into Conſideration, Mr. *Cooley*'s printed Libel, intitled, *Conſiderations on the preſent Embargo*. When it was moved, that Mr. *Meres*, Printer of the *Daily-Poſt*, *December* 1ſt, 1740. wherein Part of the ſaid Libel was inſerted; and Mr. *Hughs*, Printer of the ſaid Libel, be called in, and examined at the Bar; which after Debate was reſolved in the Affirmative; Ayes 220, Noes 163. Whereupon Mr. *Meres* was called in and examined, and being withdrawn;

Reſolved, That *J. Meres* be committed; and that His Majeſty be addreſſed to give Orders, that the ſaid *J. Meres* be proſecuted by the Attorney-General; on a Diviſion, Ayes 188, Noes 155.

Then Mr. *Hughs* was called in and examined, and having proteſted his Innocence of the ſeveral Matters contained in the ſaid Libel, &c. And being withdrawn, *Reſolved*, that *Hughs* be committed, in order to make his Submiſſion for his ſaid Offence; Ayes 148, Noes 75.

December 4.

The Houſe according to Order was called over, and *Thomas Strangeways Horner* Eſq; was ordered into Cuſtody for Non-attendance; Ayes 203, Noes 159. And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe be called over upon this Day fortnight; it paſſed in the *Negative*; Ayes 81, Noes 133.

Ordered, That the Houſe be called over upon the 19th of *January* next.

December 5.

Mr. *John Hughs* made his Submiſſion at the Bar of the Houſe, and was diſcharged upon paying his Fees.

Received a Copy of a Treaty between His Majeſty and the King of *Sweden*, as Landgrave of *Heſſe Caſſel*; with a Tranſlation of the ſame. Signed, *Weſtminſter* 9 *May*, 1740.

Received three Petitions from Priſoners confined for Debt in the Gaols of *Lincoln*, *Oxford* and *Eſſex*, praying for Relief, &c.

In a Committee, made ſome Progreſs on the Bill to prohibit for a limited Time, the Exportation of *Corn* and other Proviſions out of *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, and His Majeſty's Plantations in *America*; and deferred the further Conſideration to *Tueſday* next.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do adjourn, it paſſed in the Negative; Ayes 87, Noes 98. Then Mr. *Sandys* moved that an Addreſs be preſented to His Majeſty to order that the Embargo may be taken off of Ships laden with *Fiſh* and *Rice*; which was agreed to, and ordered accordingly.

December 8.

In a grand Committee went thro' the *Land-Tax*-Bill, with ſeveral Amendments.

December 9.

Agreed to the Report of the *Land-Tax*-Bill, and ordered it to be engroſſed.

Received a Petition of *John Dodd* Eſq; complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*. Which was ordered to be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Monday* the 19th Day of *January* next.

December 10.

In a grand Committee on the Supply came to ſeveral Reſolutions.

December 11.

Read a firſt Time a Bill for regulating Trials at *Niſi Prius*, and for the more effectual ſummoning of Special Juries.

Agreed to the Report of the following Reſolutions on the Supply, *viz.* *Reſolved*, That the Number of Men to be continued for Guards and Garriſons for 1741, be 29033 Men, including Commiſſion and Non-Commiſſion Officers. And that 883,189 *l.* be granted for defraying the Expences of the ſame.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That 6930 Marines be continued for 1741. And that 124,052 *l.* be granted for defraying the Expences of the ſame.

Reſolved, That an additional Number of 5705 Men be raiſed for 1741. And that 116,322 *l.* be granted for defraying the Expences of the ſame.

Reſolved, That an additional Number of 4620 Marines be raiſed for 1741. And that 90,201 *l.* be granted for defraying the Expences of the ſame. And it was moved, that the new-raiſed Men be incorporated into the ſtanding *Corps*, becauſe the forming them into new Regiments would be more burdenſome and expenſive, &c. Which after Debate paſſed in the Negative; Ayes 232, Noes 166.

December 12.

Ordered, That *Thomas Strangeways Horner* Eſq; a Member of this Houſe, be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His Majeſty, that for the preſent and future Eaſe of His Majeſty's Subjects, he would be graciouſly pleaſed to employ in his Army ſuch Perſons as now remain upon Half-Pay, who are qualified to ſerve His Majeſty.

In a grand Committee took the Bill to prohibit the Exportation of *Corn*, &c. into Conſideration, and after Debate, reſolved to proceed further on the ſame on *Monday* next; Ayes 147, Noes 131.

December 15.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the *Land-Tax*-Bill.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill to amend the Law concerning common Recoveries; and to explain and amend an Act 29th K. *Charles* II. for Prevention of *Frauds* and *Perjuries*, ſo far as the ſame relates to Eſtates, *per auter Vie*.

Received the Report of His Majeſty's Anſwer to their Addreſs of *Friday* laſt, *viz. I ſhall always have a due Regard for my Half-Pay Officers, and employ ſuch of them as are properly qualified for the Service.*

Agreed to the Report of the Reſolution on Ways and Means, *viz.* Reſolved, that the Duties on *Malt*, *Mum*, *Cyder* and *Perry*, be further continued to the 24th *June*, 1742. Ordered in a Bill accordingly.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Mr. *John Meres*, who was committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, and ordered to be proſecuted by the Attorney-General, for printing Part of a ſcandalous Li-

bel on the *Embargo*, &c. in the *Daily-Poſt*, *December* 1ſt, 1740. be carried before one of the Juſtices of the Court of *King's Bench*, in order to be admitted to Bail for his Appearance on the firſt Day of next Term; and when he hath given ſuch Security, that he be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees: It paſſed in the Negative; Ayes 90, Noes 151.

Made a further Progreſs on the *Corn* Bill.

December 16.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill for continuing the Duties upon *Malt*, *Mum*, *Cyder* and *Perry*, for the Service of the Year 1741.

Made a further Progreſs on the Bill to prohibit for a limited Time the Exportation of *Corn*, &c.

December 17.

Read a ſecond Time the *Malt* Bill.

In a grand Committee went thro' the *Corn* Bill, with ſeveral Amendments.

Received a Petition of the Governor and Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *Levant* Seas, praying to be heard againſt the Petition of the *Ruſſia* Company for opening a new Trade thro' *Ruſſia* to *Perſia*, &c.

Ordered in an Account of the *Butter* imported into *London* for ſeven Years paſt, ending at *Lady-Day*, 1740.

December 18.

Read a ſecond Time, a Bill for regulating Trials at *Niſi Prius*, and for the more effectual ſummoning of Special Juries, and committed it for the 15th of *January*.

Read a ſecond Time, a Bill to amend the Law concerning common Recoveries, and to amend an Act 29th K. *Charles* II. for Prevention of *Frauds* and *Perjuries*, &c. and committed it for the 16th of *January*.

Mr. *Speaker* reported, That the Houſe had attended His Majeſty in the Houſe of Peers, where His Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to

An Act for granting an Aid to His Majeſty, by a Land-Tax to be raiſed in Great Britain *for the Service of the Year* 1741, and to one private *Act*.

Went into a grand Committee on the Petition of the *Ruſſia* Company, &c. and examined ſeveral *Levant* Traders againſt the ſaid Petition; then came to a Reſolution thereupon.

December

December 19.

Received Part of the Report on the *Corn* Bill, and ordered the further Part to be considered on the 13th of *January*.

Agreed to the Report of Yesterday's Resolution, *viz.*

Resolved, That the opening of a Trade to and from *Persia* through *Russia*, will be a great Advantage to this Kingdom; and particularly, in promoting the Consumption of the *Woollen* Manufactures thereof.

Ordered in a Bill accordingly.

Received a Petition from the City of *London*, complaining of the Ineffectualness of an Act 3d K. *James* I. *for the recovering of small Debts, and for the relieving of poor Debtors in* London. And praying for Leave to bring in a Bill to explain and amend the same. Leave was given accordingly.

Deferred going into a Committee on the *Malt* Bill till the 7th of *January*.

Deferred going into a Committee on *Ways* and *Means* till the 7th of *January*.

Deferred going into a Committee on the *Supply* till the 9th of *January*.

Then adjourned till the *seventh* of *January*.

January 7.

Received several Petitions from Prisoners confined for Debt in the Gaols of *Lancaster*, *Ivelchester*, *Exeter*, *Stafford*, *Ludgate*, *Newgate*, *Woodstreet* and *Poultry* Compters, praying Relief, *&c.* which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Read a first Time, a Bill for the more easy Recovery of *Small Debts*.

Resolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, to congratulate His Majesty upon the Increase of the Royal Family, by her Royal Highness the Princess of *Wales* being happily delivered of a Princess.

Resolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That a congratulatory Message be sent to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of *Wales*, on this happy Occasion.

In a grand Committee went thro' the *Malt Bill*, with several Amendments.

January 8.

Agreed to the Report of the *Malt Bill*, and ordered it to be engrossed.

Received

Received the Report of His Majeſty's Anſwer to their congratulatory Addreſs, &c.

January 9.

Received a Petition of the Commiſſioners for building a Bridge croſs the River *Thames* at *Weſtminſter*, praying for further Sums of Money to enable them to carry on the ſame. Referred to a Committee.

January 12.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the *Malt Bill*; ordered it to the Lords.

Received a great Number of Papers, &c. ordered to be addreſſed for on the 26th of *November* laſt.

Agreed to the Report of the following Reſolutions on the Supply, *viz.* Reſolved, that 2625 *l.* 4 *s.* 3 *d.* $\frac{3}{4}$. be granted to make good the Deficiency of the general Fund for the Year ending at *Michaelmas* 1740.

That 5021 *l.* 10 *s.* 1 *d.* $\frac{1}{2}$. be granted, to replace to the *Sinking Fund* the like Sum paid out of the ſame, to make good the Deficiency of the additional *Stamp* Duties at *Chriſtmas* 1739.

That 20,000 *l.* be granted to replace to the *Sinking Fund* the like Sum paid out of the ſame to the Bank of *England* for one Year's Intereſt of 500,000 *l.* lent on Credit of the *Salt* Duty, towards the Supply of the Year 1735.

That 23,711 *l.* 8 *s.* 6 *d.* be granted to replace to the *Sinking Fund*, the like Sum paid out of the ſame, to make good the Deficiency of the Duty of 12 *s.* *per* Barrel on Sweets, &c. at *Michaelmas* 1739.

January 13.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill for opening a Trade to and from *Perſia* thro' *Ruſſia*.

Read a ſecond Time, a Bill for the more eaſy Recovery of *Small Debts*.

The Houſe made a further Progreſs on the Report of the *Corn Bill*, and conſidered ſeveral Petitions concerning the ſame.

January 14.

Received a Petition of the Royal *African* Company of *England*, praying for a further Supply. Ordered, that ſeveral Eſtimates relating to the ſame be laid before the Houſe.

Made a further Progreſs on the Report of the *Corn* Bill.

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January 15.

The Houſe finiſhed the Report of the *Corn* Bill, and ordered it to be engroſſed.

January 16.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to explain and amend an Act paſſed laſt Seſſion to reſtrain the exceſſive Increaſe of *Horſe-Races*; it paſſed in the Negative, on a Diviſion, Ayes 15, Noes 158.

Received a Petition of the Dean and Chapter of *St. Peter's, Weſtminſter*, praying for a further Sum towards the Repairs of the ſaid Cathedral. Referred to the Committee on the Supply.

In a grand Committee went thro' the Bill to amend the Law concerning Common Recoveries, and to explain an Act 29th K. *Charles* II. for prevention of Frauds and Perjuries, ſo far as the ſame relates to Eſtates, *per auter Vie*, with ſeveral Amendments.

January 19.

The Houſe proceeded to the hearing of the Matter of the Petition of *John Dodd* Eſq; complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Strode* Eſq; for the Borough of *Reading*, in *Berkſhire*; and the Counſel were called in, and ſeveral Witneſſes for the Petitioner were examined at the Bar of the Houſe; after which, the Counſel on both Sides were directed to withdraw.

Deferred the Call of the Houſe to the 3d of *February*.

January 20.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His Majeſty, for a Liſt of ſuch Commiſſion and Warrant Officers as are now upon Half-pay in the *Navy*, together with an Account of their reſpective Ages, and the Dates of their firſt Commiſſions, and how long and how often they have been employed, to be laid before the Houſe.

Received a Petition of divers Merchants, and Owners of Ships, praying for Leave to bring in a Bill for explaining and amending an Act 12th Q. *Anne*, *for providing a public Reward for ſuch Perſon or Perſons, as ſhall diſcover the Longitude at Sea*: And the ſame was referred to a Committee.

Heard Counſel further on the Merits of the *Reading* Election; and ſeveral Witneſſes were called in, and examined in order to diſqualify the Voters for the ſitting Member. Then the Counſel on both Sides were directed to withdraw.

January 21.

Received an Account, ſhewing how the Money given for the Service of the Year 1740, hath been diſpoſed of, diſtinguiſhed under the ſeveral Heads, until the 19th of *January*, 1740-1, and the Parts thereof remaining unſatisfied, with the Overplus thereon.

Received a Petition of the Painters of Fan-Mounts in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, ſetting forth, That about three Years ago, ſeveral Perſons procured *Copper-Plates* for the printing of Fan-Mounts, by which means many of the Artiſts are reduced to the utmoſt Diſtreſs for want of Employment; that one Engraver and two Painters are able to furniſh more printed Fan-Mounts in a Month's time, than this Kingdom makes uſe of in a Year; and one Perſon employed in the waſhing of theſe printed Fan-Mounts, will colour more in three Days than one Painter can paint in a quarter of a Year: That by the Introduction of printed inſtead of well painted Mounts for Fans, the Art of painting Fan-Mounts, which was brought to great Perfection, is greatly diſcouraged, and the Exportation of Fans, with painted Mounts, which brought into this Kingdom a large Sum of Money annually, almoſt entirely loſt to *Great Britain*: And therefore praying the Houſe to grant them ſuch Relief, as to them ſhall ſeem meet. Referred to a Committee.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill to render the Laws more effectual for preventing the ſtealing and deſtroying of *Sheep*, and other Cattle.

Received a Petition of the Truſtees for eſtabliſhing the Colony of *Georgia* in *America*, praying for a farther Sum of Money, &c. Referred to the Committee on the Supply.

Received ſeveral Eſtimates of Accounts.

January 22.

William Cooley, (who was committed to *Newgate* on *December* the ſecond, for being the Author and Publiſher of a malicious and ſcandalous Libel, intitled, *Conſiderations upon the Embargo on Proviſion of Victual*) was brought to the Bar, and having upon his Knees received a Reprimand from Mr. *Speaker*, was ordered to be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill to explain and amend an Act 3d of K. *James* I. for the Recovery of *Small Debts*, and for the relieving of poor Debtors in *London*.

Agreed

Agreed to the Report of the Bill to amend the Law concerning common Recoveries, and to explain and amend an Act 29th of K. *Charles* II. *for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*, &c. Ordered it to be ingroſſed.

Agreed to the Report of yeſterday's Reſolutions on the Supply, *viz.*

Reſolved, That 184,691 *l.* 10 *s.* 10 *d.* be granted to His Majeſty for the Ordinary of the *Navy*, including Half-Pay to *Sea* Officers for 1741.

That 115,225 *l.* 3 *s.* 7 *d.* be granted for the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for *Land* Service for 1741.

That 76,071 *l.* 1 *s.* 4 *d.* be granted for defraying the extraordinary Expence of the Office of *Ordnance* for *Land* Service, not provided for by Parliament.

That 266,512 *l.* 16 *s.* 5 *d.* ½ be granted for maintaining the Forces in the Plantations, *Minorca*, *Gibraltar*, *Georgia*, &c. for 1741.

That 4000 *l.* be granted towards repairing the Collegiate Church of *St Peter's*, *Weſtminſter*.

January 23.

Heard Counſel farther on the Merits of the *Reading* Election: And, in order to diſqualify ſome Perſons who voted for the ſitting Member, *Thomas Houſe* produced a Certificate ſigned by two Juſtices of the Peace; and the Counſel for the ſitting Member having objected to the Admiſſion of that Paper in evidence, the Hand-writing of the ſaid Juſtices not being proved; and the Counſel for the Petitioner having been heard by way of Reply: The Counſel on both Sides were directed to withdraw.

After Debate, it was *Reſolved*, That a Paper, dated 29th *March*, 1728. purporting to be a Certificate from the Pariſh of *Woodley* in the County of *Berks*, to the Pariſh of *St. Lawrence* in the Borough of *Reading*, ſigned by two Juſtices of the Peace, allowing the ſaid Certificate, and now produced by *Thomas Houſe*, who acts for his Brother as an Overſeer of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *St. Lawrence*, be admitted to be read in Evidence, altho' the Handing-writing be not proved: On a Diviſion, Ayes 145, Noes 144.

January 26.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill to prohibit for a time therein limited, the Exportation of *Corn*, *Grain*, (*Rice* excepted) *Meal*, *Malt*, *Flour*, *Bread*, *Biſcuit*, *Starch*, *Beef*, *Pork* and *Bacon*; and ordered it to the Lords.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill for preventing *Sheep Stealing*, &c.

Ordered an Addreſs to His Majeſty, for Copies of the Letters written to and received from the Admirals, *Haddock* and *Ogle*, in 1739 and 1740, to be laid before them.

Alſo for a Copy of the Reaſons ſent by Admiral *Cavendiſh*, in purſuance of an Order from the Admiralty, *October* 12, 1740, that had retarded the ſailing of Sir *Chaloner Ogle*'s Squadron, ſo much beyond Expectation.

Alſo for a Copy of the Reaſons tranſmitted by Sir *Chaloner Ogle*, in purſuance of an Order from the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, *October* 23d, 1740, that did prevent him from ſailing purſuant to his repeated Orders for that Purpoſe; and particularly to thoſe ſent him by the Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, on the 14th of *October*, 1740.

Heard Counſel farther on the Merits of the *Reading* Election, and ſeveral Witneſſes were examined; and the Reſolution of the Houſe of the 4th of *December*, in the 7th of Q. *Anne* was read, whereby it was reſolved, That ſuch Perſons as had within two Years laſt received *Kendrick*'s Charity, or any other annual Charity, diſtributed in the ſaid Borough, had not a Right to vote in Elections of Burgeſſes to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough.

January 27.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill for licenſing the Importation of Victual from *Ireland*, and other Parts beyond the Seas into *Scotland*, in time of Dearth and Scarcity.

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Received Copies of all Letters written, or Repreſentations, or Applications made to the Office of *Ordnance* relating to Stores, Proviſions, Ammunition, or other Neceſſaries for the Uſe of the Fleet lately under the Command of Sir *John Norris*.

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Heard Counſel further on the Merits of the *Reading* Election, and examined ſeveral Witneſſes, and produced Evidence, in order to juſtify the Votes of ſeveral Perſons who voted for the ſitting Member, and whom the Counſel for the Petitioner had endeavoured to diſqualify: Then the Counſel on both Sides were directed to withdraw: Adjourn'd the further Hearing to *February* 9.

February 3.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to the Reverend Dr. *Matthew Hutton*, for the Sermon by him preached before this Houſe upon *Friday* laſt at *St. Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter*; and that he be deſired to print the ſame.

Received a Petition of the *Graziers*, *Wool-growers*, Gentlemen, *&c.* concerned in *Romney Marſh*, in the County of *Kent*, and Places adjacent, complaining of the conſtant Decreaſe for 22 Years paſt of the *Woollen* Manufactory, in which time the Price of the ſame has gradually fell from 10 *l.* to near 4 *l.* the Pack; the Decay whereof has already leſſened, and muſt very ſoon to a great Degree inevitably reduce the Value of vaſt Numbers of Eſtates in this Kingdom; and at the ſame time carry immenſe Riches to thoſe neighbouring Countries, who have too ſucceſſfully of late rivall'd us in the Woollen Manufacture: That as the *French* cannot work up their own *Wool* into Cloths proper for the foreign Markets, without mixing one Pack of *Britiſh* or *Iriſh* Wool with two of their own; the Petitioners hope, if effectual Methods could be found to prevent the *French* from having any *Wool* from *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, they would not for the future be able to underſell His Majeſty's Subjects in the foreign Markets. And further repreſenting to the Houſe, that a Law to oblige the Owners of all *Wool* ſhorn in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, to regiſter the ſame, and not permit it to be conveyed from the Place of its Growth to any other Part of the Kingdom, but by Land Carriage till it be manufactured, ſeems to the Petitioners to be the moſt likely way to prevent the Exportation

portation of *Wool* out of theſe Kingdoms: and therefore praying the Houſe to take the Premiſſes into Conſideration, and give ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, *&c.*

Received Copies of Letters and Reports from the Captains of His Majeſty's Ships at home, and from Mr. *Wallace*, Agent for the Tranſports, relating to the Badneſs of the Materials put into the Bedding, furniſhed by the Contractor to His Majeſty's Ships.

Read a ſecond Time, a Bill for licenſing the Importation of Victual from *Ireland* to *Scotland* in time of Scarcity.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill to prevent Inconveniencies ariſing by Delays of Cauſes after Iſſue joined.

Rejected a Motion to addreſs His Majeſty, That the Houſe be informed, when His Majeſty, or the Lords Juſtices, firſt received certain Advices of the ſailing of the *Ferrol*, *Breſt* and *Toulon* Squadrons for the *Weſt Indies*.

Mr. *Sandys* moved humbly to addreſs His Majeſty, That there be laid before this Houſe, Copies or Extracts of all Letters, which have been received from or written to Vice-Admiral *Vernon*, ſince his going to the *Weſt Indies*, by either of the principal Secretaries of State: And, after Debate, it was propoſed to add the following Words by way of Amendment, *viz. So far as the ſame relate to a Supply of Ships, Marines, or Land Forces*; which was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Copies, or Extracts of all Letters, and other Papers from Mr. *Finch*, His Majeſty's Miniſter at the Court of *Ruſſia*, to either of His Majeſty's Secretaries of State, or to the Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, ſo far as the ſame relate to the opening of a Trade to and from *Perſia* through *Ruſſia*, be laid before them.

The Order of the Day being read for the Call of the Houſe, it was moved, that the ſame be further adjourned till *Thurſday* ſe'en-night: After Debate, the Queſtion being put, it paſſed in the Negative: Ayes 84, Noes 107.

Reſolved, That the Call of the Houſe be farther adjourned to *Tueſday* the 31ſt of *March* next.

Agreed to the Report of part of a Bill for the more eaſy Recovery of ſmall Debts; and ordered it to be farther conſidered on *Thurſday*.

February 5.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to Dr. *Reuben Clarke*, for the Sermon by him preached before

fore this Houſe Yeſterday at *St. Margaret's, Weſtminſter*; and that he be deſired to print the ſame.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill to explain ſo much of an Act 12th of Q. *Anne, for providing a public Reward for ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall diſcover the Longitude at Sea*, as relates to the making of Experiments of Propoſals for diſcovering the Longitude at Sea.

Received a Petition from the Inhabitants of *South-Carolina*, ſetting forth, That on the 18th of *November* laſt, a moſt dreadful Fire broke out in *Charles-Town*, and in leſs than 4 Hours, utterly conſumed the beſt and moſt valuable Part of the ſaid Town, whereby many Families are reduced to the utmoſt Diſtreſs, and therefore praying Relief, *&c.* Referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe on the 12th Inſtant.

Ordered, That the proper Officer do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the ſeveral Quantities of *Wool* that have been ſeized by any Officer of *Exciſe* or *Cuſtoms* within this Kingdom for ſeven Years paſt, diſtinguiſhing each Year.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will upon this Day eight Weeks, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill for regulating Trials at *Niſi Prius*, and for the more effectual ſummoning of Special Juries.

In a grand Committee, went thro' the Bill for the better ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by limiting the Number of Officers in the Houſe of Commons, with ſeveral Amendments.

Reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Report of the Bill for the more eaſy Recovery of *Small Debts*: And examined ſeveral Perſons as touching their Places and Fees.

February 6.

Read a ſecond Time, a Bill to prevent Inconveniencies ariſing by Delays of Cauſes after Iſſue joined.

Reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Report of the *Small-Debt* Bill, and made a farther Progreſs.

In a grand Committee, went thro' the Bill to render the Laws more effectual for preventing *Sheep-Stealing*; and a Clauſe was added for the more effectual preventing of the robbing of *Orchards* and *Gardens*, and ſtealing of *Wall*-Fruit.

February 9.

Received a Petition of the principal Inhabitants of the Borough of *Minehead* in *Somerſetſhire*, complaining of the Decay of the Woollen Manufactures, and praying Relief, &c.

Read

Read a firſt Time a Bill to indemnify Perſons who have omitted to qualify themſelves for Offices by taking the *Oaths*, &c.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to give Directions, that Care may be taken to detain all *Spaniſh* Priſoners that have already, or ſhall hereafter be taken during this preſent War, until they ſhall be exchanged for ſome of his Majeſty's *Britiſh* Subjects, and that he will be graciouſly pleaſed as ſoon as conveniently may be, to ſettle a Cartel with *Spain*, for the Exchange of Priſoners taken in War.

Heard Counſel further on the Merits of the *Reading* Election, &c.

February 10.

Received a Petition from the Clothiers, &c. of *Froom* in *Somerſetſhire*. And another Petition from the *Wool-combers*, *Weavers*, *Dyers*, &c. concern'd in making of Druggets at *Road* and *Telsford* in the ſame County, complaining of the Decline of the Woollen Trade, &c. and praying Relief, &c.

Received an Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's *Navy*, as it ſtood *December* 31, 1740.

Ordered that *John Meres* Printer of the *Daily Poſt*, who was committed on the 3d of *December* 1740, to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms for printing part of a Malicious and Scandalous Libel, &c. in that Paper of the firſt of *December* 1740, be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees, upon giving Security to be forth-coming, to anſwer the Proſecution which this Houſe has addreſſed his Majeſty to carry on againſt him.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill to render the Laws more effectual for preventing the ſtealing of *Sheep* and other Cattle. *Ordered* it to be engroſſed.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for the better ſecuring the Freedom of *Parliaments*, by limiting the Number of *Officers* in the Houſe of *Commons*. *Ordered* it to be engroſſed.

Heard Counſel further on the Merits of the *Reading* Election, &c.

February 11.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill to indemnify Perſons who have omitted to take the *Oaths*, &c.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill for the better Preſervation of the publick Roads of *Great Britain*.

In a grand Committee went thro' the Bill for licenſing the Importation of Victual from *Ireland* into *Scotland*, in Time of Scarcity.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill to render the Laws more effectual for preventing the ſtealing and deſtroying *Sheep* and other Cattle. *Ordered* it to the Lords.

Received a Petition of the Clothiers and Stuff Weavers of *Kidderminſter* in *Worceſterſhire*, complaining of the Decay of the *Woollen* Manufactury and praying Relief, &c.

February 12.

Received ſeveral Petitions from *Taunton*, *Midſummer Norton*, *Wellton*, *Paulton*, *Temple*, *High Littleton*, and *Hallitrow*, alſo from *Shepton Mallet*, all in the County of *Somerſet*, complaining of the Decay of the *Woollen* Manufactures, &c. &c. Alſo a Petition from *Leeds* in *Yorkſhire* relating to the ſame. Alſo a Petition from *Durſley* in *Glouceſterſhire*, relating to the ſame.

Alſo a Petition from the *Lord Mayor*, *Aldermen*, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled; ſetting forth, that notwithſtanding the many Acts of Parliament that have been made to hinder the Exportation of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, yet the ſame have not proved effectual to prevent ſo great and crying an Evil; that to the unſpeakable Grief of the Petitioners, and to the abſolute Deſtruction of the Trade and Manufactures of theſe Kingdoms, great quantities of *Wool* are every Year clandeſtinely exported to *France*, and other foreign Countries, by Means whereof the *French* in particular are enabled not only to rival, but even to underſell us in Cloths, and other Manufactures of *Wool*, in moſt foreign Markets, to the inexpreſſible Detriment of the Commerce of theſe Kingdoms, and their own immenſe Gain and Advantage; ſince it is well known, that by means of one Pack of *Britiſh*, or *Iriſh Wool*, they are enabled to work up two Packs of their own, which, without that Help, they could not make uſe of, ſo as to interfere in any conſiderable Degree with the Manufactures of this Nation: That, if the public Notoriety of this deſtructive Practice, is not ſufficient to prove how ineffectual the Laws hitherto made have been to prevent the clandeſtine Exportation of *Wool*, the Petitioners preſume, that the languiſhing State of our Manufactures at Home, the continual decreaſing Demand for them at foreign Markets, together with the low Price, to which *Wool*, that great Staple of theſe Kingdoms, is already reduced,

duced, muſt fully ſhew, that ſome more effectual Means are neceſſary to put a ſtop to the Exportation of it, and thereby preſerve to theſe Kingdoms that ineſtimable Gift of Providence, the very Vitals of our Commerce, the chief and almoſt only Source of the Riches and Grandeur of the Nation; and therefore praying, &c.

Read a firſt Time a Bill to enable the Commiſſioners of *Weſtminſter-Bridge*, to raiſe a further Sum of Money towards finiſhing the ſame.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for licenſing the Importation of Victual from *Ireland* into *Scotland*, &c. Ordered it to be engroſſed.

Ordered a new Writ to be iſſued out for Electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in Parliament for *Portſmouth*, in the room of the Honourable *Charles Stewart*, Vice-Admiral of the *White*, deceaſed *.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill for the better ſecuring the Freedom of *Parliaments*, by limiting the Number of *Officers* in the Houſe of *Commons*. Ordered it to the Lords.

February 13.

The Houſe was moved, that the Journals of the Houſe of the 18th of *December* 1685, of the 18th of *November* 1689, of the 7th of *December*, and 16th of *February* 1693, and of the 9th of *November* 1696, in relation to the Proceedings of the Houſe, in the Caſe of *John Cook* Eſq; Captain *Churchill*, the Lord Viſcount *Faulkland*, and Mr. *Manley*, Members of the Houſe, might be read.

The ſame were read accordingly. And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, that he will be graciouſly pleaſed to remove the Right Honourable Sir *Robert Walpole*, Knight of the moſt Noble Order of the *Garter*, firſt Commiſſioner for executing the Office of Treaſurer of the *Exchequer*, Chancellor and Under-Treaſurer of the *Exchequer*, and one of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable PRIVY COUNCIL, from his Majeſty's Preſence and Councils for ever; It paſſed in the Negative, Ayes 106, Noes 290 †.

* Vice-Admiral *Vernon* was elected in his Room without Oppoſition.

† *This was debated from eleven o'clock in the Forenoon till paſt three the next Morning; before which Time above* 60, *who were ſuppoſed to be of the Minority, left the Houſe.*

February 16.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill to explain and amend an Act 3 K. *James* I. *for the Recovery of ſmall Debts, and for the Relieving of poor Debtors in* London. *Ordered* it to be engroſſed.

Read a firſt Time the *Mutiny* and *Deſertion*-Bill.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill for licenſing the Importation of Victual from *Ireland*, &c. into *Scotland*, in Time of Scarcity. *Ordered* it to the Lords.

February 17.

Read a ſecond Time the *Mutiny* and *Deſertion*-Bill.

Read a ſecond Time the *Weſtminſter-Bridge*-Bill.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolution on *Ways* and *Means*; viz. Reſolved, that the Duties on *Salt*, and alſo on *Red* and *White Herrings* delivered out for Home Conſumption, which by an Act 8th K. *George* II. were continued to the 25th of *March* 1746, be further continued to the 25th of *March* 1753. *Ordered* in a Bill accordingly.

Then proceeded to the further Hearing of the Matter of the Petition of *John Dodd* Eſq; complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Reading* in the County of *Berks*. And the Counſel were called in; and ſeveral Witneſſes examined in behalf of *William Strode* Eſq; ſitting Member; and having finiſhed their Evidence, the Counſel on both ſides were directed to withdraw. And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that *William Strode* Eſq; is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament, for the Borough of *Reading* in the County of *Berks*; it paſſed in the Negative, Ayes 133, Noes 141. Reſolved, that *John Dodd* Eſq; is duly Elected, &c.

February 18.

Read a third Time and paſſed the Bill to explain and amend an Act 3 K. *James* I. *for the Recovering of ſmall Debts, and for the Relieving of poor Debtors in* London. Ordered it to the Lords.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill for granting and continuing the Duties upon *Salt*, and upon *Red* and *White Herrings*, for a further Term.

Read a firſt Time a Bill to indemnify Proteſtant Purchaſers of Eſtates of Papiſts, againſt the Penalties or Forfeitures Papiſts are liable to, for not having enrolled their Eſtates, in purſuance of an Act 3 K. *George* I.

In a grand Committee made ſome Progreſs on the Bill to prevent Inconveniencies ariſing by Delays of Cauſes after Iſſue joined; and to proceed on the 24th Inſtant.

February

February 19.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill for continuing the Duties upon *Salt*, and on *Red* and *White-Herrings* for a further Term.

Read a firſt Time a Bill to explain and amend ſo much of an Act 6 K. *George* I. *for better ſecuring certain Powers and Privileges intended to be granted by his Majeſty, by two Charters for Aſſurance of Ships and Merchandizes at Sea, and for lending Money upon Bottomry, and for reſtraining ſeveral extravagant and unwarrantable Practices therein mentioned*, as relates to the extravagant and unwarrantable Practices therein mentioned.

In a grand Committe, went thro' the Bill to indemnify Perſons who have omitted to take the *Oaths*, &c. with ſeveral Amendments.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill for opening a Trade to and from *Perſia* through *Ruſſia*.

February 20.

Agreed to the Report of the *Oath-Bill*; ordered it to be ingroſſed.

In a grand Committee took into Conſideration the ſeveral Petitions preſented to the Houſe on the Decay of the *Woollen* Manufactures; and Mr. *Webber* was called in and examined concerning his Scheme for a univerſal Regiſtry of *Wool*; to proceed on the 25th Inſtant.

February 23.

Received Petitions from the Counties of *Eſſex* and *Glouceſter*, repreſenting to the Houſe, That ſhould the Bill for opening a Trade to and from *Perſia* through *Ruſſia* paſs into a Law, it will greatly diſcourage the Manufacture of Cloth in this Kingdom; and therefore praying that the Bill may not paſs into a Law, unleſs Proviſion be made therein, to oblige the Traders to *Perſia* through *Ruſſia* to export in *Woollen Cloths* to the amount of the Value of the *Raw-Silk*, and other the *Perſian* Commodities they ſhall import from *Ruſſia:* Referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Nettleton*, Mr. *Dingley*, and Mr. *Gramotte*, *Ruſſia* Merchants, do attend the ſaid Committee on the 26th Inſtant.

Read a ſecond Time, a Bill for the Encouragement of *Seamen*, and for the better and ſpeedier Manning His Majeſty's Fleet.

Reſumed

Reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Report of the Bill for Recovery of *Small Debts*, and ordered it to be ingroſſed.

February 24.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill for indemnifying Perſons who have omitted to qualify themſelves for Offices and Employments, within the time limited by Law, and for allowing a farther time for that purpoſe: *Ordered* it to the Lords.

Read a ſecond Time, a Bill to indemnify Proteſtant Purchaſers of Eſtates of Papiſts, &c.

In a Committee, went thro' the Bill to prevent Inconveniencies ariſing by Delays of Cauſes after Iſſue joined, with ſeveral Amendments.

In a Committee on the Bill for puniſhing *Mutiny* and *Deſertion*, and for the better Payment of the *Army*, and their Quarters, it was moved, That the *Inn-keepers* ſhall have Liberty to refuſe or take the *four Pence* per *Diem* for each Dragoon quartered on them; on which a Debate aroſe, and the further Conſideration adjourned to *Thurſday*.

Ordered, That the proper Officers do lay before this Houſe, an Account of what Perſons were authorized by her late Majeſty Q. *Anne*, under her Royal Sign Manual, or by the Commiſſioners of the *Admiralty*, to receive and conduct ſuch *Seamen* and *Seafaring* Men as ſhould be taken up in purſuance of an Act 4th Q. *Anne, for the Encouragement and Increaſe of Seamen, and for the better and ſpeedier Manning her Majeſty's Fleet*: And alſo what Applications were made by ſuch Perſons to the Juſtices of the Peace, and other chief Officers, for cauſing privy Searches to be made in purſuance of the ſaid Act; and an Account of the Number of *Seamen* which were returned to the Navy in purſuance of ſuch Applications and privy Searches; and likewiſe the Charge attending the ſame.

February 25.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill to prevent Inconveniencies ariſing by Delays of Cauſes after Iſſue joined, with ſeveral Amendments: Ordered it to be engroſſed.

Received an Account ſhewing the Progreſs of the Colony of *Georgia* in *America* from its firſt Eſtabliſhment. And alſo the general Account of the Truſtees for eſtabliſhing the ſaid Colony, of all Monies and Effects received and expended by them from the 9th of *June*, 1732, (the Date

of

of their Charter) to the 9th of *June*, 1740, as exhibited purſuant to the Directions of their Charter *.

February 26.

Received a Petition of the Clothiers of *Stroudwater*, in *Glouceſterſhire*, complaining of ſeveral great Abuſes of late introduced, and particularly of the Licence taken by many Perſons of ſetting up in the *Clothing Trade*, without having either ſerved a lawful Apprenticeſhip to the ſame, or having proper Skill in the Manufacture; and therefore praying, that Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the further Regulation of the *Clothing Trade*; that ſuch further Relief may be given as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet. Referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe on *Wool*, &c.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill to prevent Inconveniencies ariſing from Delays of Cauſes after Iſſue joined: Ordered it to the Lords.

Read a ſecond Time, a Bill to explain an Act 12th Q. *Anne*, *for providing a Reward for Diſcovery of the Longitude*, &c.

In a grand Committee, went thro' the Bill for puniſhing *Mutiny* and *Deſertion*, with ſeveral Amendments †.

February 27.

Read a ſecond Time, a Bill to explain ſo much of an Act 6th of K. *George* I. *for better ſecuring certain Powers and Privileges intended to be granted by his Majeſty, by two Charters for Aſſurance of Ships and Merchandizes at Sea, and for lending Money upon Bottomry; and for reſtraining ſeveral extravagant and unwarrantable Practices therein mentioned*, as relates to the extravagant and unwarrantable Practices therein mentioned.

Agreed to the Report of the *Mutiny* and *Deſertion* Bill: Ordered it to be engroſſed.

In a grand Committee, went thro' the Bill for opening a Trade thro' *Ruſſia* to *Perſia*, with ſeveral Amendments.

March 2.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill for puniſhing *Mutiny* and *Deſertion*, and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters: Ordered it to the Lords.

Went

* A Number of Copies were ordered to be printed for the Uſe of the Members. † A new Clauſe was added, *viz.* If any Innholder, &c. on whom any Non-Commiſſion Officers or Soldiers ſhall be quartered, (except on a March) ſhall deſire it, he may furniſh them only with *Candles*, *Vinegar* and *Salt*, and *Small Beer* or *Cyder*, three Quarts a Day *gratis*, and to allow them Fire and Utenſils for Dreſſing and Eating their Meat; or elſe take the 4 *d. per Diem*, and find them in every Thing.

Went into a grand Committee on the Bill for the Encouragement of *Seamen*, and for the ſpeedier Manning His Majeſty's Fleet; made ſome Progreſs therein.

March 3.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for opening a Trade to and from *Perſia* thro' *Ruſſia*: Ordered it to be engroſſed.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill for the more eaſy Recovery of Small Debts: Ordered it to the Lords.

In a Committee, went thro' the Bill to indemnify *Proteſtant* Purchaſers of Eſtates of *Papiſts*, &c.

March 4.

In a grand Committee took into further Conſideration the Bill for the Encouragement of *Seamen*, and for the ſpeedier Manning His Majeſty's Fleet.

March 5.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill for continuing an Act 7th of K. *George* II. to explain a former Act 11th of K. *George* I. for the better regulating the Manufacture of Cloth in the Weſt Riding of *Yorkſhire*, and for making the ſaid Acts more effectual.

Received a Petition of divers Merchants, Exporters of the *Woollen* and *Britiſh Manufactories* and *Fiſheries*; as likewiſe Owners and Maſters of Ships concerned in the Navigation of theſe Kingdoms to foreign Parts; as alſo thoſe concerned in the *Coal* and *Coaſting Trade*, in behalf of themſelves and others, complaining of the unreaſonable Wages demanded, and paid to Mariners in the Merchant's Service of late, which is more than double of what is paid by any foreign Nation in *Europe*, (beſides Crimpage, and a Month's Pay advanced to each Mariner) to the Diſcouragement of the Trade of theſe Kingdoms: And repreſenting to the Houſe, that this growing Evil, if not prevented by a Law, will hinder the Mariners from ever entering themſelves on board the Ships of War, while the Diſproportion of Wages paid to Mariners in the King's Service, and that of the Merchant is ſo great; the Wages paid to Mariners in the King's Service being about 23 *s.* and with other Advantages about 28 *s. per* Month, when the Mariners in the Merchants Service are paid, and demand 55 *s.* and 3 *l. per* Month: And further repreſenting, that as the Petitioners apprehend the preſent Practice carried on in impreſſing Mariners from on board the homeward-bound Merchant Ships, and from the Shore, does not anſwer the End propoſed; and that a great many Perſons make it their

Buſineſs

Buſineſs to ſeduce and encourage Mariners to act contrary to the Intent of an Act 1ſt of K. *George* II. *for the better Regulation of the Mariners in the Merchants Service:* And further, complaining of vexatious Suits carried on againſt the Maſters and Owners of Ships, by the Advice of Practitioners in the High Court of Admiralty: And further ſetting forth, that the Act of Navigation obliges every Ship to carry Three fourths *Engliſh* Mariners, which will be again in force when the preſent War is over; but that as they often in foreign Parts enter, or are entred on board His Majeſty's Ships, it is impoſſible to comply with the ſaid Act, and the Merchant Ships are liable to become a Seizure even to the very Man of War who has taken their Men from them: And therefore praying the Houſe to permit them to be heard by themſelves or Counſel upon the ſaid Petition; and to grant that ſuch Proviſion may be made in future, by regulating the Price of Mariners Wages in the Merchants Service, and to prevent ſuch growing Abuſes practiſed by thoſe under the Sanction of the High Court of Admiralty, in order effectually to man his Majeſty's Ships of War without impreſſing, and to encourage the Trade and Navigation of theſe Kingdoms, as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet: Ordered to lie on the Table.

In a grand Committee, took into Conſideration the ſeveral Petitions concerning the Decay of the *Woollen* Manufactory, &c. and reported the Reſolutions concerning the ſame, *viz. Reſolved*, That the Exportation of *Wool* from *Great Britain* and *Ireland* to foreign Parts, is greatly prejudicial to the *Woollen* Manufactures of this Kingdom.

Reſolved, That the Laws now in being are not ſufficient to prevent the Exportation of *Wool* from *Great Britain* and *Ireland* to foreign Parts.

Reſolved, That a public Regiſter of *Wool* grown in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, is the moſt effectual Method for preventing the Exportation thereof to foreign Parts: Which were agreed to by the Houſe. After which the Houſe *Reſolved* to addreſs His Majeſty, That he would be pleaſed to direct the Commiſſioners for *Trade* and *Plantations*, during the Receſs of Parliament, to prepare a Scheme for the regiſtering the *Wool* of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to be laid before this Houſe the next Seſſion of Parliament.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for the Improvement of the Manufacture of *Woollen* Broad Cloth, and to prevent Abuſes in the making of the ſame.

March 6.

In a grand Committee, made a further Progreſs on the Bill for the Encouragement of *Seamen*, and for the better and ſpeedier Manning his Majeſty's Fleet.

March 9.

In a grand Committee, made a further Progreſs on the Bill for the Encouragement of *Seamen*, &c.

Received the Report of His Majeſty's Anſwer to their Addreſs, That he would give Directions for a Scheme to be prepared to prevent the Running of *Wool*.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill for ſupplying ſome Defects in the Laws for repairing and rebuilding County Bridges; and for repairing, enlarging, erecting, and providing Houſes of Correction.

March 10.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill for the Improvement of the Manufacture of Woollen Broad Cloth, and to prevent Abuſes in the making of the ſame.

Read a ſecond Time, a Bill for ſupplying ſome Defects in the Laws for repairing County Bridges, and for providing Houſes of Correction.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill for opening a Trade to and from *Perſia* through *Ruſſia*: Ordered it to the Lords.

In a Committee, went thro' the Bill for the Encouragement of *Seamen*, and ſpeedier Manning the Fleet, with ſeveral Amendments *.

Ordered, That all the Members of this Houſe, who are in and about the Town, do attend the Service of the Houſe upon *Friday* Morning next.

March 11.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Copy of a Charter of the *Turkey* Company, and the ſeveral other Papers relating to the ſaid Company; and ſeveral Accounts were alſo read. Ordered, that a Bill be brought in for enlarging and regulating the Trade to the *Levant* Seas.

March

* A Clauſe was added to the Bill, to impower His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, on any Emergency, to break open ſuch Houſes as ſhall be ſuſpected to harbour *Seamen*, and forcibly to take them from thence, and to fix a Penalty upon thoſe that harboured them: After great Debates, on a Diviſion, Ayes 154, Noes 115. But upon the Report, this Clauſe was given up without any Diviſion.

March 12.

Received a Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *York*, complaining of the Decay of the Woollen Manufacture; and repreſenting to the Houſe, That a Law to oblige all Owners and Manufacturers of *Wool*, to regiſter the ſame in the Pariſhes in which they reſide, by Perſons independent, and under no Influence, chargeable with a certain Sum to be paid only by thoſe who export it without its being compleatly manufactured; ſeems to the Petitioners to be a moſt effectual Remedy to this great Evil; and therefore praying Relief, *&c.*

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for ſupplying ſome Defects in the Laws for repairing County Bridges, and providing Houſes of Correction: Ordered it to be engroſſed.

Agreed to the Report of yeſterday's Reſolutions on the Supply, *viz. Reſolved*, That 105,275 *l.* 18 *s.* 8 *d.* be granted for the Charge of Tranſports hired to carry the Forces to *America*: That 124,564 *l.* 8 *s.* 0 *d.* ¾. be granted for the Expence of Victuals, provided for the Soldiers employed in the Expeditions to *America*.

March 13.

Received a Petition of the Merchants of the City of *London*, ſetting forth; That if the Bill for the Encouragement of *Seamen*, and for ſpeedier Manning the Fleet ſhould paſs into a Law, it will be highly detrimental to the Trade and Navigation of this Kingdom; and that the Petitioners are perſuaded, that the only effectual and ſpeedy Method of procuring for the King's Service, a proportionable Number of Sailors, is to diſtinguiſh that Body of Men by Bounties and Encouragements, both preſent and future, and by aboliſhing all Methods of Severity: And that they believe, it will not be difficult to have ſuch Methods pointed out, as will tend to ſupply the preſent Neceſſities, and at the ſame time promote the Increaſe of Seamen; and praying to be heard by Counſel againſt the ſaid Bill: Ordered to lie on the Table.

Received a Petition of the Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of *Glouceſter*, againſt many Clauſes in the ſaid Bill: A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table; it paſſed in the Negative: On a Diviſion, Ayes 142, Noes 196. *Ordered*, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Took into Conſideration the Report of the Bill for the Encouragement of *Seamen*, and for the ſpeedier Manning

the Fleet; when it was moved, that Clauſe *A*, which limits *Seamens* Wages in the Merchants Service at 35 *s. per* Month, be rejected: After Debate, it paſſed in the Negative: On a Diviſion, Ayes 127, Noes 183. *Reſolved*, that Clauſe *A*, do ſtand a Part of the ſaid Bill.

And the Houſe went thro' the ſaid Bill, with ſeveral Alterations and Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

March 16.

Read a firſt time, a Bill for enlarging and regulating the Trade to the *Levant* Seas.

Read a ſecond Time, a Bill to continue an Act for Relief of *Debtors*, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons; and two ſubſequent Acts for explaining and amending the ſame; and alſo to continue an Act for the free Importation of *Cochineal* and *Indico*.

In a Committee, went thro' the Bill for continuing the Duties upon *Salt*, and upon *Red* and *White* Herrings.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill to ſupply ſome Defects in the Laws for repairing and rebuilding County Bridges; and for repairing, enlarging, erecting, and providing Houſes of Correction; and for paſſing Rogues and Vagabonds: Ordered it to the Lords.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill for the Improvement of the Manufacture of *Woollen Broad Cloth*, and to prevent Abuſes in making of the ſame.

March 17.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill to indemnify *Proteſtant* Purchaſers of Eſtates of *Papiſts*, againſt the Penalties or Forfeitures *Papiſts* are liable to for not having inrolled their Eſtates, *&c.* with ſeveral Amendments: Ordered it to be engroſſed.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill to prevent ſome Inconveniencies ariſing from Inſurances of Ships.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for continuing the Duties upon *Salt*, &c. Ordered it to be ingroſſed.

Took into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill *to amend the Law concerning* common Recoveries, *and to explain an Act* 29th of K. Charles II. *for Prevention of* Frauds *and* Perjuries, *ſo far as the ſame relates to Eſtates*, pur auter Vie: And agreed to them, and made another Amendment thereto. Ordered it to the Lords for their Concurrence.

In a Committee, went thro' the *Weſtminſter-Bridge-Bill*, with ſeveral Amendments.

In a Committee, went thro' the Bill for the better Preſervation of the public Roads of *England*, with ſeveral Amendments.

March 18.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill to continue an Act for Relief of *Debtors*; and alſo to continue an Act for the free Importation of *Cochineal* and *Indico*: Ordered it to be ingroſſed.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the *Salt*-Bill.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill to indemnify *Proteſtant* Purchaſers of Eſtates of *Papiſts*, againſt the Penalties or Forfeitures *Papiſts* are liable to for not having inrolled their Eſtates, in purſuance of an Act 3d of K. *George* I. for that Purpoſe: Ordered it to the Lords.

March 19.

Took into Conſideration the Report of the *Weſtminſter-Bridge-Bill*, and made a Progreſs therein.

March 20.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill to continue an Act for Relief of *Debtors*, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons; and alſo to continue an Act for the Importation of *Cochineal* and *Indico*: Ordered it to the Lords.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill for regulating the Trade to the *Levant* Seas.

In a Committee, went thro' the Bill to amend an Act 6th of K. *George* I. relating to the Aſſurance of Ships upon Bottomry, with ſeveral Amendments.

Ordered, That the *Seamens* Bill be read a third time on *Monday* next.

March 21.

Ordered, That the Merchants trading to the *Levant* Seas, do lay before the Houſe, an Account of the Number of Ships employed in the ſaid Trade for 30 Years paſt, and the Tonnage thereof.

Mr. *Speaker* reported, That the Houſe had attended His Majeſty in the Houſe of Peers, where his Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to,

1. *An Act for continuing the Duties upon* Malt, Mum, Cyder *and* Perry, *&c.*

2. *An*

2. *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of* Corn, Grain, (Rice *excepted*) Meal, Malt, Flour, Bread, Biſcuit, Starch, Beef, Pork *and* Bacon, *till* December 25, 1741.

3 *An Act for puniſhing* Mutiny *and* Deſertion.

4. *An Act to indemnify Perſons who have omitted to take the Oaths*, &c.

5. *An Act for continuing the Duties upon* Salt, *and on* Herrings *to* March 25, 1753.

6. *An Act to indemnify* Proteſtant *Purchaſers of* Papiſts *Eſtates*, &c.

7. *An Act to prevent the ſtealing and deſtroying of* Sheep *and other* Cattle.

8. *An Act for licenſing the Importation of Victual from* Ireland, &c. *to* Scotland, *in time of Scarcity.*

9. *An Act to explain an Act* 3d of K. James I. *for the Recovery of Small Debts, and for relieving poor Debtors in* London.

10. *An Act to prevent Inconveniencies ariſing from Delays of Cauſes after Iſſue joined.*

11. *An Act to amend the Law concerning common Recoveries; and to amend an Act* 29th of K. Charles II. *for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries, ſo far as the ſame relates to Eſtates*, pur auter Vie.

Alſo to 11 *Road* Acts, to 9 other *public*, and to 22 *private Acts.*

March 23.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill for the Encouragement and Increaſe of *Seamen*, and for the better and ſpeedier Manning his Majeſty's Fleet: On a Diviſion, Ayes 153, Noes 79. Ordered it to the Lords.

Agreed to the Report of the *Weſtminſter-Bridge*-Bill: Ordered it to be ingroſſed.

March 24.

In a grand Committee, went thro' the Bill to explain Part of an Act 12th of Q. *Anne, for providing a public Reward for ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall diſcover the Longitude at Sea*, with ſeveral Amendments.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill for the better regulating the Manufacture of Cloth in the *Weſt*-Riding of *Yorkſhire:* Ordered it to the Lords.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for better Preſervation of the Public *Roads*: Ordered it to be ingroſſed.

In a grand Committee, took into Conſideration the Petition from *South-Carolina*, in behalf of the diſtreſſed Inhabitants of *Charles-Town*, and came to a Reſolution.

March

March 25.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolution, *viz. Reſolved*, That the Province of *South-Carolina* has been greatly weakened by the late dreadful Fire on the 18th of *November* laſt; and that ſome Proviſion ſhould be made for the reſettling the Inhabitants thereof: Referred to the Committee on the Supply.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for explaining an Act *for Aſſurance of Ships, and Merchandizes at Sea, and for lending Money upon Bottomry: Ordered* it to be ingroſſed.

In a Committee, went thro' the Bill for the Improvement of the Manufacture of *Woollen Broad-Cloth*, &c.

March 26.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill for the more eaſy and effectual Conviction of Perſons returning from Tranſportation.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill for the better Preſervation of the public Roads in *England:* Ordered it to the Lords.

In a grand Committee, took into Conſideration the Bill for enlarging and regulating the Trade to the *Levant* Seas; and alſo the ſeveral Papers and Accounts concerning the ſame: And a Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, That Mr. *Speaker* do leave the Chair, it paſſed in the Negative, on a Diviſion, Ayes 37, Noes 62. Made a Progreſs, and to proceed on the 8th of *April*; then adjourned to the 2d of *April*.

April 2.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill for ſurveying the chief Ports and Head-Lands on the Coaſts of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and the Plantations belonging thereto, for the more exact Determination of the Longitude and Latitude thereof *. Ordered it to the Lords.

Adjourned the Report of the Bill for the Improvement of the Manufacture of *Woollen Broad-Cloth*, for a Month.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill for reſtraining and preventing ſeveral unwarrantable Schemes and Undertakings in the Plantations in *America* †. Ordered it to the Lords.

Read a ſecond Time the Bill for the more effectual Conviction of Perſons returning from Tranſportation.

April

* This Bill was read a firſt Time, on *February* 5th, but the Title was altered on the third Reading.

† This Bill was read a firſt Time, on *February* 27th, but the Title was altered on the third Reading.

April 3.

Read a ſecond Time, and committed the Bill to prevent Inconveniencies ariſing from Inſurances of Ships: On a Diviſion, Ayes 63, Noes 22.

April 6.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill to enable the Commiſſioners for building *Weſtminſter-Bridge* to raiſe a further Sum of Money by way of Lottery, towards finiſhing the ſaid Bridge, *&c.* Ordered it to the Lords.

In a grand Committee, took into Conſideration the Bill to prevent ſome Inconveniencies ariſing from Inſurances of Ships: And read a Petition of the Corporation of the *London-Aſſurance* againſt the ſaid Bill. And a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, That the further Conſideration thereof be deferred for a Month*.

April 7.

Received an Eſtimate of the Charge of 1000 *Daniſh* Horſe, and 5000 *Daniſh* Foot, in *Britiſh* Pay, from *March* 25th laſt to *December* 25th, 1741.

Alſo an Eſtimate of the Charge of 1264 Horſe, and 4908 Foot, *Heſſian* Troops, from *March* 25th laſt to *December* 25th, 1741, with the Levy Money and Subſidy for the ſame.

April 8.

Rejected a Petition of *John Meres* Printer, praying to be admitted to Bail without paying his Fees.

Mr. *Speaker* reported, That the Houſe had attended His MAJESTY in the Houſe of Peers, where His MAJESTY was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to,

An Act to ſupply ſome Defects in the Laws for repairing County Bridges; for repairing and providing Houſes of Correction; and for paſſing Rogues and Vagabonds.

An Act to continue three former Acts for Relief of Debtors, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons; and alſo to continue an Act for the free Importation of Cochineal and Indico.

An Act for continuing an Act 7th of K. George II. *to amend a former Act 11th of K.* George I. *for the better regulating the Manufacture of Cloth in the Weſt-Riding of* Yorkſhire. And to *ſeven* private Acts.

After

* The Houſe divided, Ayes 25, Noes 8. but 7 more Members being wanted to make a Houſe, without which they could not proceed on Buſineſs, the Bill dropt of courſe, and the Houſe adjourned.

After which His Majeſty was pleaſed to make a moſt gracious Speech from the Throne, ſignifying, That a War had broke out, and been carried on in Part of the *Auſtrian* Dominions; and that various Claims had been publickly made, on the late *Emperor*'s Succeſſion, which required the utmoſt Care and Attention; as they may involve all *Europe* in a bloody War, and conſequently expoſe the Dominions of ſuch Princes to imminent Danger, as ſhall take Part in ſupport of the *Pragmatic* Sanction. That the Queen of *Hungary* had already applied for the 12,000 Men ſtipulated by Treaty; and thereupon he had demanded of the King of *Denmark*, and of the King of *Sweden*, as Landgrave of *Heſſe-Caſſel*, their reſpective Bodies of Troops, conſiſting of 6000 Men each, to be in Readineſs to march to her *Hungarian* Majeſty's Aſſiſtance. That He was alſo concerting ſuch further Meaſures, as may obviate all dangerous Deſigns and Attempts that may be forming or carried on to the Prejudice of the Houſe of *Auſtria*. That in this uncertain State of Things many Incidents may ariſe, which may make it neceſſary for Him to enter into larger Expences for maintaining the *Pragmatic* Sanction, when, by reaſon of the approaching Concluſion of this Parliament, it may be impoſſible to have their Advice and Aſſiſtance: He therefore thought proper to deſire the Concurrence of his Parliament, in enabling Him effectually to contribute to the preventing by all reaſonable Means, the Subverſion of the Houſe of *Auſtria*, and to the maintaining the Liberties and Balance of Power in *Europe*. And added, That whatever Expences may be incurred on this Occaſion, ſhould be made in as frugal a Manner as poſſible, and an Account thereof laid before the next Parliament.

Whereupon the Commons reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His Majeſty, *&c.* to aſſure His Majeſty, that this Houſe will effectually ſtand by and ſupport Him againſt all Attacks, which any Prince or Power ſhall make upon any of His Territories or Dominions, though not belonging to the Crown of *Great Britain*, &c.

April 9.

Referred His Majeſty's Speech to the Committee on the Supply.

April 10.

The Houſe went to addreſs His Majeſty at His Palace at *St. James's.*

April 13.

Received the Report of His Majeſty's Anſwer to their Addreſs, *viz. I give you my Thanks for this dutiful and loyal Addreſs. Your great Readineſs in enabling Me to make good My Engagements with the Queen of* Hungary, *and the Aſſurances you give Me, not to ſuffer My foreign Dominions to be inſulted, on account of the Meaſures I am purſuing for the Support of the* Pragmatic *Sanction, are ſuch evident Proofs of your juſt Concern for maintaining the Liberties and Balance of Power in* Europe, *and of your great Regard for My Honour and Intereſt; that you may depend upon all ſuitable Returns from Me for this particular Mark of your Affection and Confidence in Me.*

April 14.

Received the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolution on the Supply, *viz. Reſolved*, That 300,000 *l.* be granted His Majeſty to enable Him effectually to ſupport the Queen of *Hungary*, and to prevent the Subverſion of the Houſe of *Auſtria*, &c.

That 75,952 *l.* 7 *s.* 4 *d.* ¼ be granted for defraying the Charge of 6000 *Heſſians*, from 25th *March* to the 25th of *December*, 1741; as alſo 30,205 *l.* 14 *s.* 7 *d.* for Levy Money remaining unpaid for.

That 49,608 *l.* 6 *s.* 1 *d.* be granted for what remains payable of the Subſidy for the ſaid 6000 *Heſſians.*

That 69,841 *l.* 5 *s.* 4 *d.* ½ be granted for defraying the Charge of 6000 *Danes*, from the 25th of *March* to the 25th of *December*, 1741; as alſo 25,875 *l.* for Levy Money remaining unpaid for.

That 44,569 *l.* 8 *s.* 1 *d.* be granted for what remains payable of the Subſidy for the ſaid 6000 *Danes.*

That 36,157 *l.* 19 *s.* 1 *d.* ½ be granted for ſeveral extraordinary Expences incurred 1740, and not provided for by Parliament

That 53,995 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* be granted for maintaining a Regiment of Foot raiſed in *America*, conſiſting of 36 Companies for 1741.

That 11,611 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* be granted for the Charge of ſeveral

veral Officers appointed to go with the Forces on board the Fleet under Lord *Cathcart*.

That 1277 *l.* 10 *s.* be granted for the Charge of the Staff-Officers appointed to attend the Hoſpital eſtabliſhed for the Expedition under Lord *Cathcart*.

That 29,300 *l.* 7 *s.* 6 *d.* be granted on Account, for reduced Officers of the Land Forces and Marines for 1741.

That 4126 *l.* be granted for paying of Penſions to the Widows of Reduced Officers of the Land Forces and Marines.

That 6249 *l.* 16 *s.* 4 *d.* $\frac{3}{4}$. be granted to make good the Loſs ſuſtained by ſeveral Merchants, and by the Officers of the Six new-raiſed Independant Companies of Foot in *Jamaica*, by the Failure of Mr. *Henry Popple*, his Majeſty's Agent to the ſaid Companies.

That 1816 *l.* 17 *s.* 4 *d.* $\frac{3}{4}$ be granted to *Richard Fitzwilliam* Eſq; Captain of an Independant Company of Foot in *New Providence*, to make good the Loſs he ſuſtained by the Failure of Mr *Popple*.

That 650 *l.* be granted to make good a Loſs ſuſtained by the Receiver General of *Scotland*, by the Failure of Mr. *Popple* *.

That 20,000 *l.* be granted for re-eſtabliſhing the Sufferers by Fire at *Charles Town* in *South Carolina*.

April 15.

In a Committee, went thro' the Bill for Conviction of Perſons returning from Tranſportation, with ſeveral Amendments †.

April 16.

Agreed to the Report of Yeſterday's Reſolution, in a Committee on *Ways* and *Means*, viz. *Reſolved*, That the Sum of *One Million* be granted to His Majeſty, out of the Surpluſſes and Exceſſes of the Sinking Fund.

That towards raiſing the Supply, there be iſſued and applied the Sum of 11,434 *l.* 4 *s.* now remaining in the *Exchequer*, reſerved to be diſpoſed of by Parliament.

That the Sum of 39,588 *l.* 10 *s.* 10 *d.* $\frac{3}{4}$, now remaining in the *Exchequer*, being the Overplus of the Grants for

* This Reſolution was agreed to, on a Diviſion, Ayes 92, Noes 65.

† A Clauſe was added for puniſhing Perſons, who ſhall bring any Inſtrument or Arms into a Priſon, in order to facilitate the Eſcape of Priſoners confined therein.

1740, be iſſued and applied towards making good the Supply granted in this Seſſion of Parliament. *Ordered* in a Bill accordingly. *Ordered*, That a Clauſe be inſerted in the Bill, for allowing a Drawback of all Duties on ſuch *Coals*, as ſhall be uſed in the working Fire-Engines for draining *Tin* and *Copper* Mines in *Cornwall*.

Agreed to the Report of the Bill for Conviction of Perſons returning from Tranſportation. *Ordered* it to be ingroſſed.

April 17.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill for Conviction of Offenders tranſported, unlawfully returning to *Great Britain*, or *Ireland*, &c. *Ordered* it to the Lords.

Read a firſt Time, a Bill for granting to His Majeſty, a certain Sum out of the *Sinking-Fund*, and applying other Sums towards the Supply of the Year 1741; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

April 18.

Read a ſecond Time, the *Sinking-Fund* Bill.

April 20.

In a grand Committee, went thro' the *Sinking-Fund* Bill, with ſeveral Amendments.

April 21.

Agreed to the Report of the *Sinking-Fund* Bill. *Ordered* it to be ingroſſed.

April 22.

Read a third Time, and paſſed the Bill for granting to His Majeſty, one Million out of the *Sinking-Fund*, and 51,022 *l.* 14 *s.* 10 *d.* $\frac{3}{4}$, out of the *Exchequer*, for 1741. *Ordered* it to the Lords.

April 25.

This Day His MAJESTY came to the Houſe of Peers, and gave the Royal Aſſent to,

1. *An Act for granting to His Majeſty a certain Sum out of the* Sinking-Fund, *and applying other Sums towards the Supply of the Year* 1741, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

2. *An Act for opening a Trade to and from* Perſia *thro'* Ruſſia.

3. *An Act for the Encouragement and Increaſe of Seamen, and for the better and ſpeedier Manning his Majeſty's Fleet.*

4. *An*

4. *An Act for reſtraining and preventing ſeveral unwarrantable Schemes and Undertakings in* America.

5. *An Act for the Preſervation of the public Roads in* England.

6. *An Act for ſurveying the chief Ports and Headlands on the Coaſts of* Great Britain *and* Ireland, *and the Iſlands and Plantations thereto belonging, for the more exact Determination of the Longitude and Latitude thereof.*

7. *An Act to enable the Commiſſioners for building* Weſtminſter-Bridge, *to raiſe & further Sum towards finiſhing the ſame,* &c.

And to one other public, and two private Acts.

After which, His MAJESTY put an End to the Seſſion, with a moſt Gracious Speech from the Throne, ſignifying that the Powerful Aſſiſtance which they had given Him for carrying on the War, was the beſt Means of reducing our Enemies to Reaſon; and the Vigour and Earneſtneſs which they had ſo ſeaſonably ſhewn for the Defence of the Houſe of *Auſtria*, and the Maintenance of the Balance and Liberties of *Europe*, muſt give the greateſt Encouragement to our Friends. That He could not part with this Parliament, without publickly returning them His Thanks, for the many eminent Inſtances they had given Him of their Fidelity and Affection to His Perſon and Government; their fixed Reſolution to maintain the Proteſtant Succeſſion in his Family; and their unſhaken Adherence to the true Intereſt of their Country. That they had with the moſt becoming Spirit and Firmneſs, exerted themſelves in vindicating the Honour of his Crown, and the undoubted Rights of Navigation and Commerce belonging to His Subjects; and enabled Him to revenge thoſe Wrongs and Inſults, which, contrary to the Faith of Treaties, had been committed againſt both. That He will immediately give the neceſſary Orders for calling a New Parliament. That there was not any thing He ſet ſo high a Value upon, as the Love and Affection of His People; in which He had ſo entire a Confidence, That it was with great Satisfaction, He ſaw this Opportunity put into their Hands, of giving Him freſh Proofs of it, in the Choice of their Repreſentatives.

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The Amount of the National Debt on *December* 31, 1737, was	47,185,869	10	1 ¼
Increaſed between *Decem.* 31, 1737, and *December* 31, 1738.	300,000	0	0
Paid off within the ſaid Time	1,171,040	0	0
The Amount of the National Debt on *December* 31, 1738, was	46,314,829	10	1 ¼
Increaſed between *Decem.* 31, 1738, and *December* 31, 1739, *Nil.*			
Paid off within the ſaid Time	184,883	6	8
The Amount of the National Debt on *December* 31, 1739, was	46,129,946	3	5 ¼
Increaſed between *Decem.* 31, 1739, and *December* 31, 1740, *Nil.*			
Paid off within the ſaid Time	186,000	0	0
The Amount of the National Debt on *December* 31, 1740, was	45,943,946	3	5 ¼

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